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追い詰められているのはどちらだか分からない。
死の稜線でにらみ合う二人の魔物。
一歩踏み外せば闇魔羅闇の待つ冥界の広間へ。
魔物は憤怒の炎で四方を焼き尽くさんばかりの灼熱の王。
鼻を鳴らし、息を喘がせ、牙からしたたりおちる涎は理性を溶かす。
一方の魔物は、廃坑の入り口のような真っ黒な闇に佇む。
全てを…光までも吸い込むブラックホールのごとく
からっぽな眼窩で灼熱の王を見つめる。
――後に神域の男として裏社会に君臨する赤木しげるだ。

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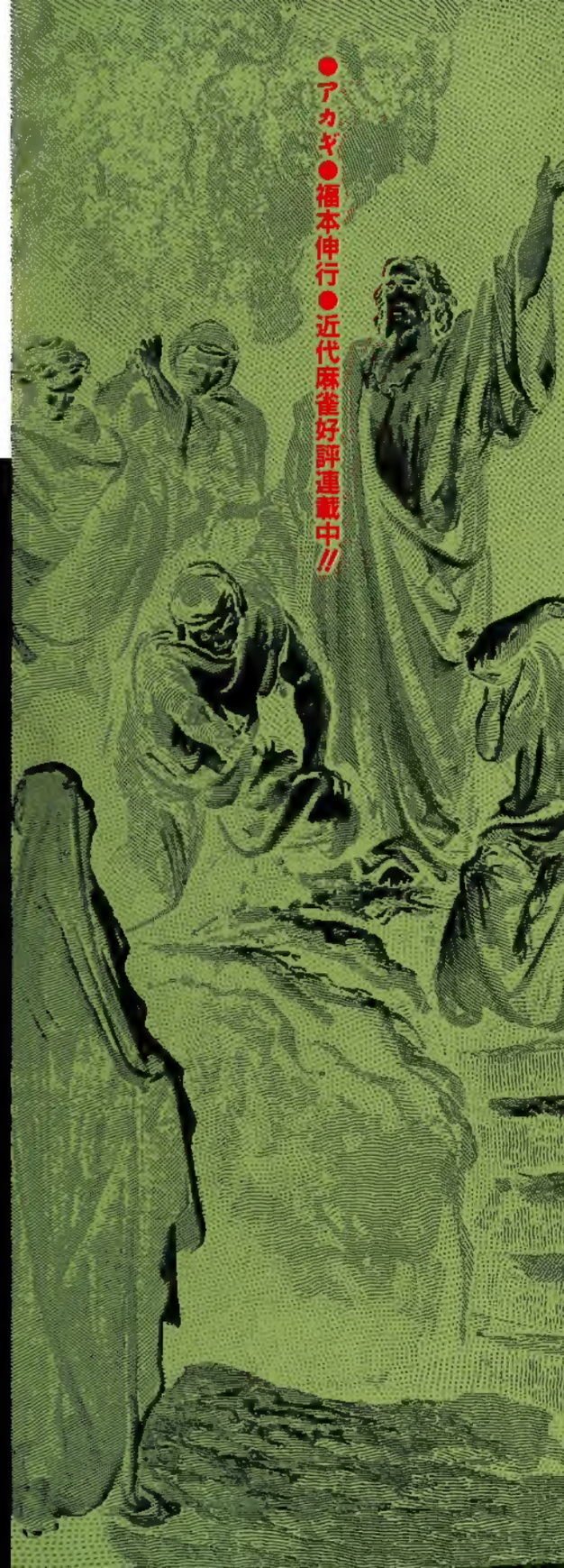

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あらすじ

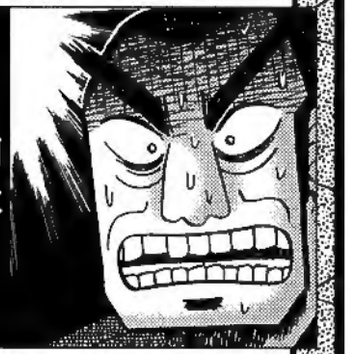
昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。

昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷲巣麻雀に挑む。5回戦を終え、アカギは約5億円を奪う。鷲巣の残り資産は2750万円。新たに順位負けの血液精算とチョンボの支払いをアカギと鷲巣のサシで支払う取り決めを追加。6回戦、親・鷲巣の手はどこまで伸びるのか!?

登場人物

鷲巣
権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ。

安岡
不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。



仰木
稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

鷲巣の部下たち。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート:1000点＝100万円＝血液100cc。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000ccは点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌:1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い:半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例:半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

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CHAPTER 152 - THE LIMIT

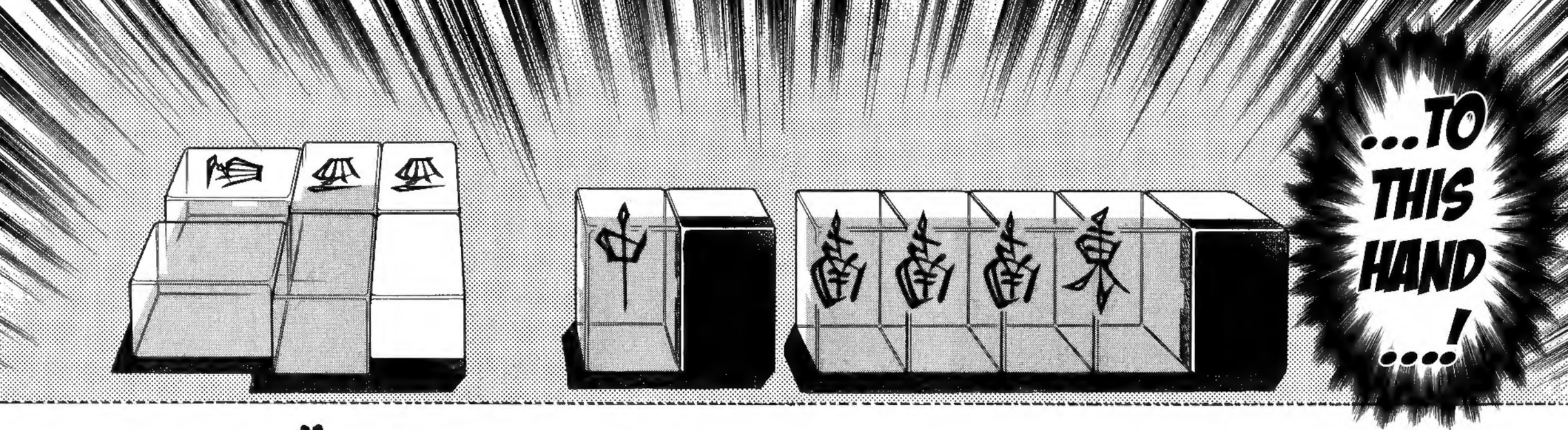
第152話 極限

GGH HHHH ...!!

ぎゅ

WHA... WHAT A DRAW TO MAKE...!

KHEH HEH HEH ....!
さわ...
IT'S UNBELI-EVABLE!!
Washizu's Hand
IF HE TAKES THIS AS A SIGN OF HIS MOMENTUM...
OR MAYBE ...
HE COULD GO EVEN HIGHER STILL...
NOW, HE CAN SNEAK A WIN THROUGH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!!
WE CAN SEE WHAT HE'S DOING, BUT WE CAN'T STOP HIM!
TO GET A DEALER BAIMAN ...!
AND TWO DORA GIVES HIM A VERY STRONG POSITION...
HON ITSU, HON ROU TOU, CHII TOITSU...
AFTER ONLY 2 TURNS ...?!
IS HE IN TENPAI ?!


...TO THIS HAND...!

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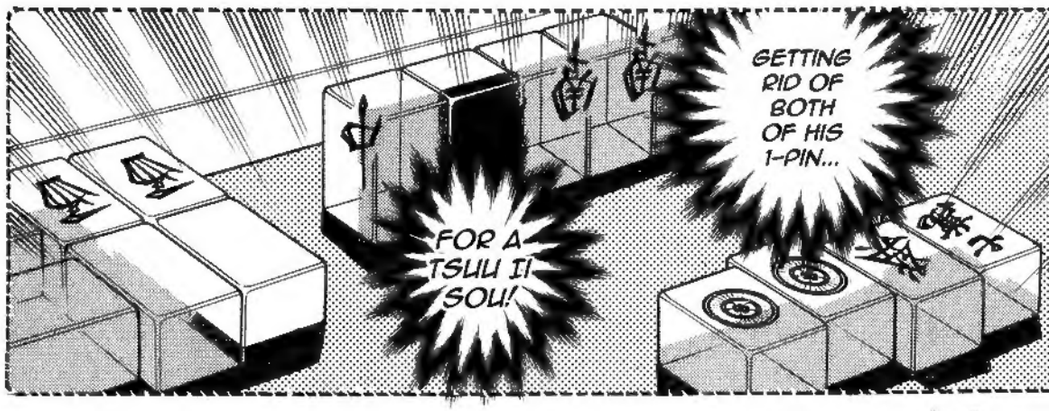
ざわ…
WHICH HAND ARE YOU GOING FOR, WASHIZU IWAO?!


FOR A TSUU II SOU!
GETTING RID OF BOTH OF HIS 1-PIN...

CONSIDERING WASHIZU-SAMA'S CHARACTER...
HE'S TOO EXCITED TO TURN BACK...!
……

WHICH HAND?!
……
IS THAT WHERE YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING FROM HERE?!
IS THAT IT...?

AND THESE DRAWS ...

WITH THAT STARTING HAND...

IT WOULD SEEM...

THINKING ABOUT HOW HE UNDOUB-TEDLY HAS THE FLOW WITH HIM ...

HE'LL WANT TO MOVE UP AND UP!

BECAUSE HE'S GOT SUCH A WINNING STREAK GOING...

HE'LL DEAL 1-PIN!

THAT HE'LL CERTAINLY GO FOR THE TSUU II SOU HAND, HERE!

...TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT!

HE'LL TAKE THIS HAND...

But...

HUH ...?

h,

He deals the Nan!

HAHH ....!

Washizu betrays all expectations!

HE WENT FOR IT....!

KGH ...!

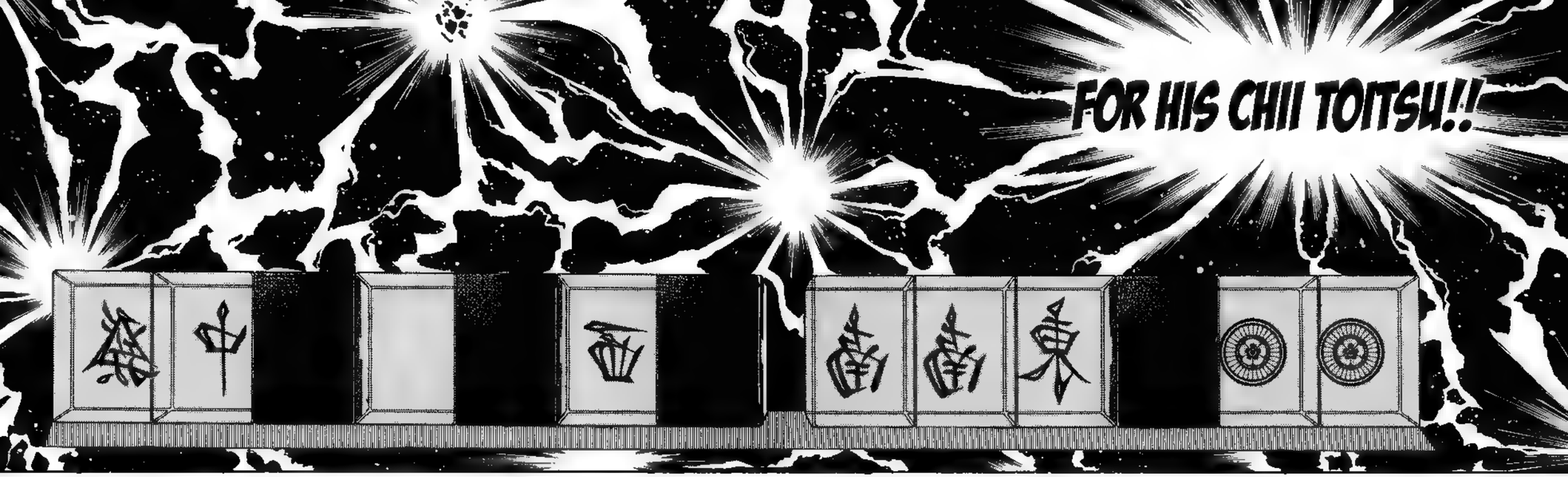
HE HAD THREE OF THE NAN...

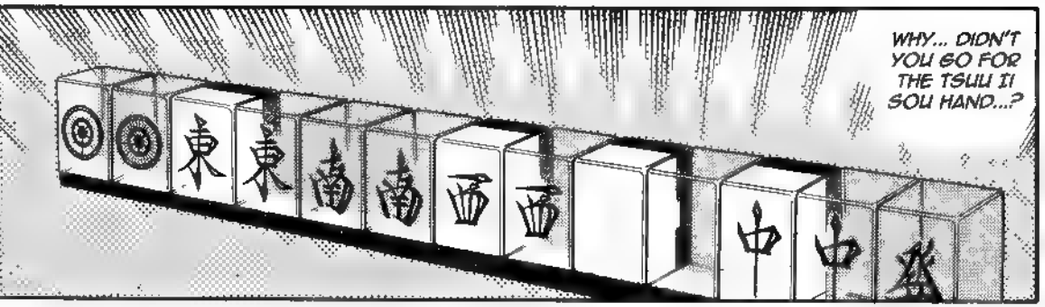
AND GOT RID OF ONE!

WHICH MEANS ...

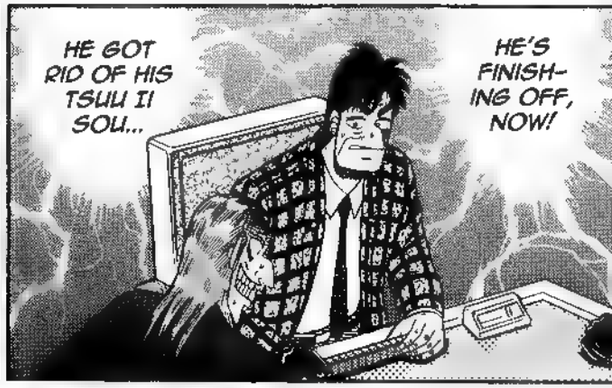
HE KEPT THOSE 1-PIN...

HE KEPT HIS 1-PIN!





FOR A HON ROU TOU, HON ITSU, CHII TOITSU, 2-DORA DEALER BAIMAN HAND!



IF YOU MADE THOSE CALLS ...

WOULDN'T THE TSUU II SOU SHAPE BE JUST FINE...?

YOUR WAIT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO A DOUBLE WAIT ON TON AND CHUN...

SO INSTEAD OF THIS BAIMAN CHII TOITSU HAND...

IT'S THE SAME THING FOR THIS HATSU, ANYWAY!

THE TSUU II SOU, WOULD

THAT SUZUKI DOESN'T HAVE THOSE, EITHER...

AND WHILE IT'S TRUE...

AHH HHH ...!!

AH...

A TSUU II SOU IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!

IT'S DEFI-NITELY BAD!

IT'S NO GOOD!!

I GET IT ...!!

HIS WAIT...

BUT IF HE WENT FOR TSUU II SOU...

THE HATSU HAS 3 MORE TILES LEFT... DRAW

WITH THE CHII TOITSU WAIT

...THAT TON AND CHUN WAIT WOULD BE AWFUL!

AND ALSO...

AKAGI HAS ONE OF EACH!

ALL THAT WOULD BE LEFT ...

IN OTHER WORDS

THE DETE-CTIVE HAS A TON, SO...

...WOULD BE A SINGLE CHUN TILE!

IN THAT CASE...

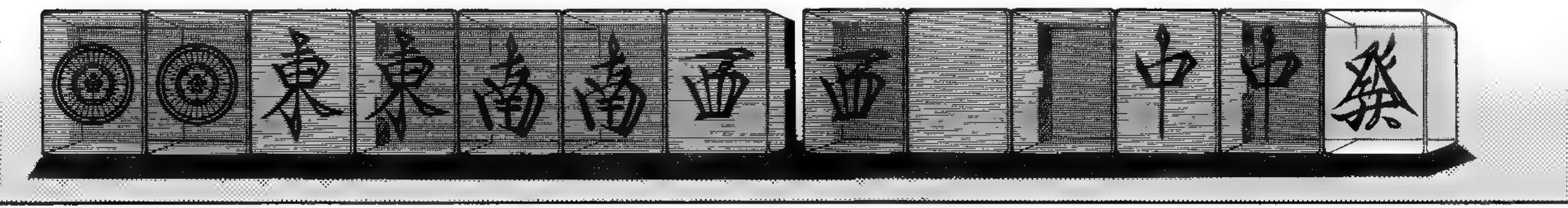
I SEE ...!

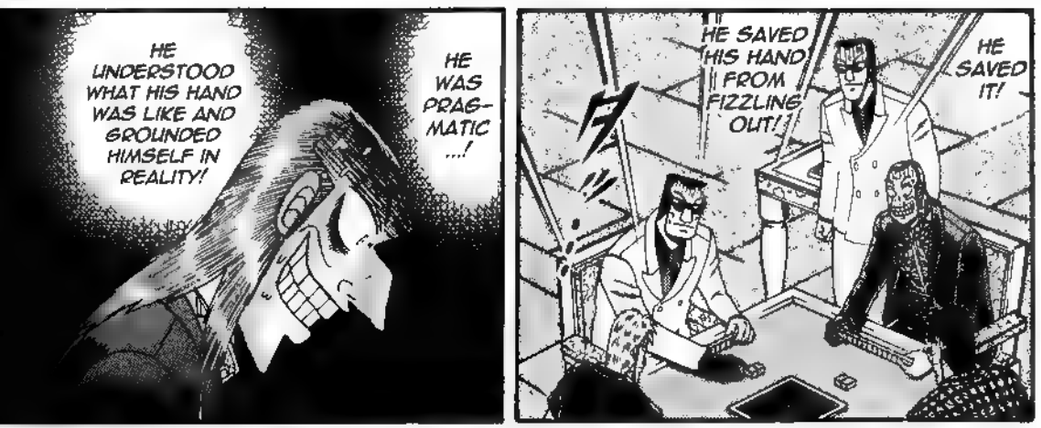
I GET IT! THAT'S WHY HE DID THIS ...!

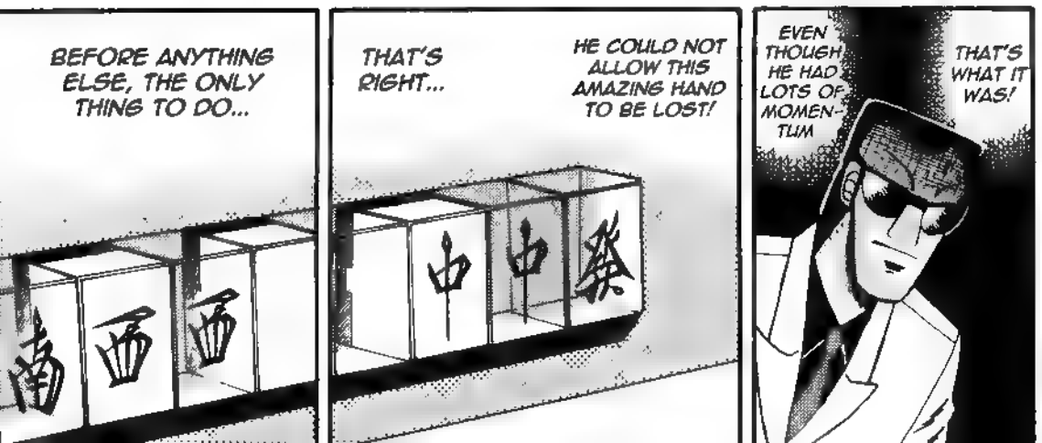
WHY HE HAD TO DO IT!

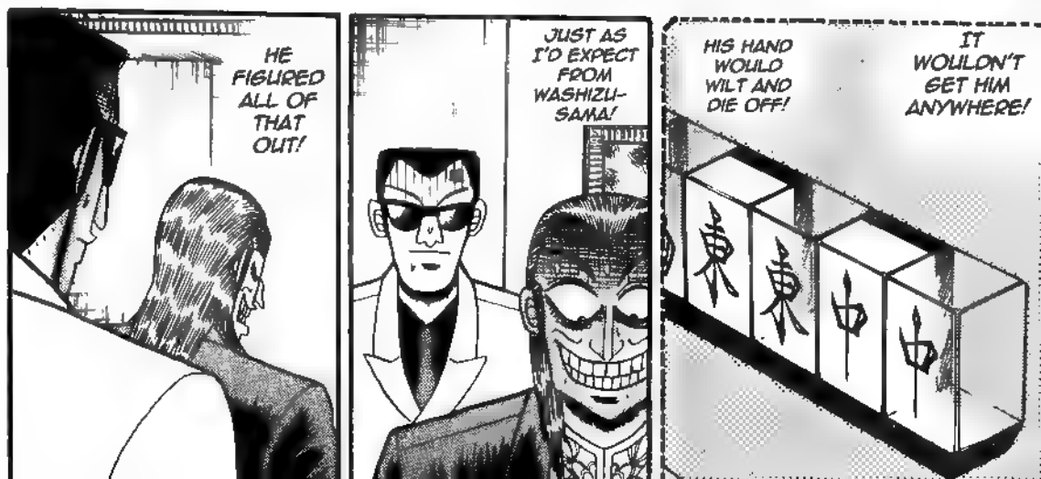
NO... MORE THAN EVEN THAT...

THIS HATSU WAIT WAS A NECESSITY!!






BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, THE ONLY THING TO DO...
THAT'S RIGHT...
HE COULD NOT ALLOW THIS AMAZING HAND TO BE LOST!
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD LOTS OF MOMEN-TUM
THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!



...IS TO FOCUS ON COMPLETING A HAND! COMPLETING YOUR HAND COMES FIRST!

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KHEH HEH...

KHEH HEH HEH...

I SEE IT VERY WELL ..!

I SEE, I SEE ...!

I SEE ...!

WELL...

.....

I SUPPOSE THAT YOU WOULDN'T FALL FOR IT THAT EASILY, AKAGI...!

BUT...

KHEH HEH HEH...

THAT MAN!

KHEH HEH HEH ...!

AKAGI ...!

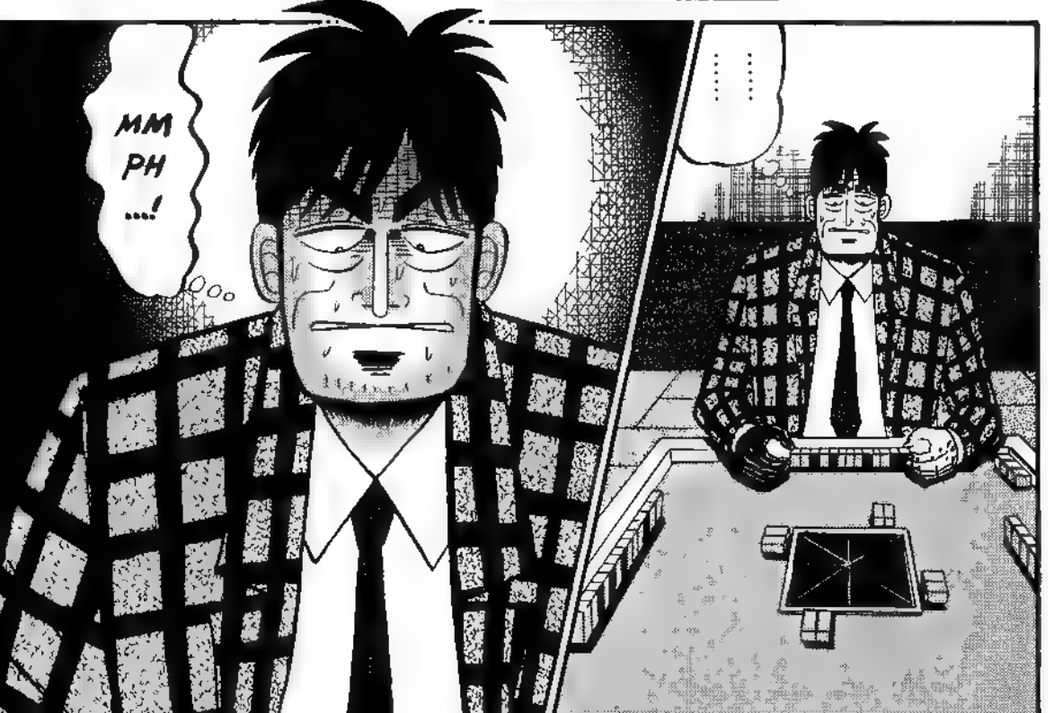
THAT DETEC-TIVE THERE

HOW ABOUT HIM, HMM?

CHAPTER 153 - WEAK POINT

第153話 急所

THEN THAT MAN, WHO IS FAR DIFFERENT FROM YOU...
THAT EVERY-DAY, ORDIN-ARY MAN...
IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING ...
ﾅﾅﾅ!
IF YOU DO, THEN AT THIS RATE...
Washizu: 26,500 Points
Remaining Funds: 27.5 Million Yen
Akagi: 23,800 Points, -2000 ccs
Total Sum of Acquired Money: 572.5 Million Yen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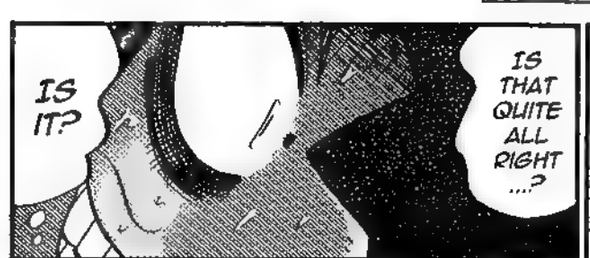
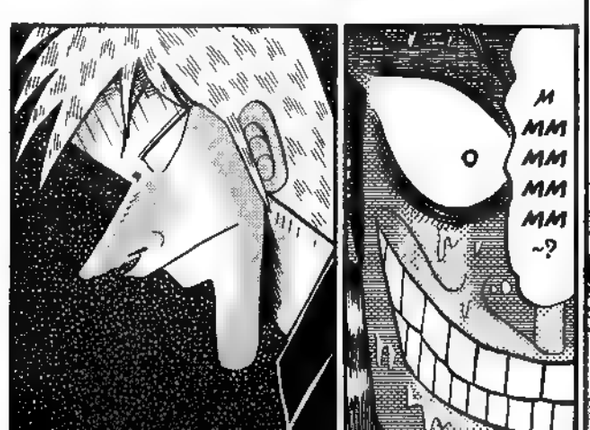
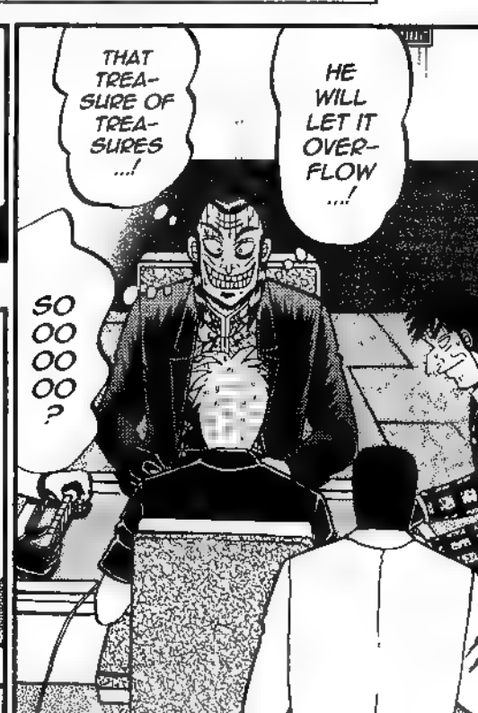

IS IT?
IS THAT QUITE ALL RIGHT ...?


MMMMMMMM~?


THAT TREA-SURE OF TREA-SURES ...!
HE WILL LET IT OVER-FLOW ...!
SOOOOOO?

WHAT SHOULD I DO....?

Yasuoka's Hand

JUST GOT RID OF HIS TRIPLET OF NAN...

WAS-HIZU...

AND ACT LIKE WE'VE BEEN SAVED ...

SO WHILE I WANT TO BE RELIEVED...

THAT'S THE OB-VIOUS CONCL-USION.

SO HE GOT RID OF HIS TSUU II SOU FOR A CHII TOITSU HAND...

IN TRUTH ...

A DEALER BAIMAN TSUMO IS 24,000 POINTS!

IT'S NOT RELIEVING, AT ALL!

8000 FROM EVERY-ONE!

WITH THAT CHII TOITSU HAND ...

SINCE HE CAN STILL TSUMO ...

WELL OVER THE LETHAL LIMIT!

IT WOULD BE 2800 IN TOTAL!

WITH THAT ON TOP OF THE 2000 HE'S AL-READY LOST...

AKAGI WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR IT...

WHICH MEANS ...

HE'D DIE!

WITH 800 CCS!

WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!

WE HAVE TO STOP IT!

I CAN'T LET HIM TSUMO!

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

HE WOULD DEFI-NITELY DIE!!

BUT STILL...

AKAGI'S HON ITSU...

IS STILL A WAYS AWAY!

HE'S FAR!

SO I NEED TO MOVE!

I'LL PLAY THIS RISKY TILE...

SO IN ORDER TO ADVANCE MY HAND

IF I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH, IT'S HOPE-LESS!

IF I DON'T ...

Yasuoka's Hand

I'LL BREAK IT OUT...!

K-
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HH!

WELL,
WELL,
WELL
...!

KHEH
HEH
HEH
...

HUH
...?

...THAT
SEEING
YOU LIKE
THIS IS
A RARE
TREAT
...!

YOU'RE
USUALLY SO
CALM AND
COLLECTED...

...?

.....

?

?

K-
HEH
HEH
HEH
...!

YOU
FOOL!

?

?

KHEH
HEH
HEH...

YOU
STILL
DON'T
GET
IT?!

WITH THIS HAND ...

AND WITH THESE DRAWS ...

USE YOUR HEAD!

HUH ...?

WHY WO-ULD I EVER SETTLE FOR A MEAGER CHII TOITSU HAND?!

ぐわ!

IT'S NOT CHII TOITSU?!

IF IT'S NOT CHII TOITSU... THEN...

Yasuoka's Discards

WHAT ...?!

WHA...

PON!!

WHAT IS IT?!

...

WH-AA-AAT?!

KHEH HEH HEH ...!

ざわ

PON, I SAY !!

I WILL PON THAT TON, THERE !!

KHEH HEH HEH ...!

WHAT ?!?!

THAT ...

THAT'S INSANE !!

BUT WHY ?!

I MEAN ...

DIDN'T YOU JUST GET RID OF...

A TRI-PLET OF NAN ?!

YOU GOT RID OF A TRIPLET JUST TO CALL PON A MINUTE LATER?!

KHEH HEH HEH...

WHY, IF I HADN'T ...

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LET THAT ONE GO!

NOW WOULD YOU?

WAS THE WEAK POINT OF THIS HAND!

WHETHER OR NOT I COULD CALL ON THIS TON HERE...

IT WAS THE WEAK POINT!

HUH ...?

SO IF IT MEANT I COULD TAKE CARE OF THAT WEAK POINT...

カチャ

KHEH HEH HEH ...!!

K-HEH HEH ...

IT IS REPL-ACE-ABLE!

WHA ?

OF JUST ONE OF MY NAN!

THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM GETTING RID...

ドン

AHH !!
.....!
K-HAH HAH HAH !!
K-HEH HEH HEH HEH !!
K-HEE HEE HEE !!
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南

K-HOH HOH HOH !!
K-HEH HEH HEH !!
AH HHH HHH !!!
PON!!
AL-WAYS !!
THERE'S ALWAYS A CHA-NCE OF SOME-THING LIKE THIS!
WELL...
カカカ!
HOW DREADFUL THIS MUST BE FOR YOU!!
バラ...
THAT'S... HOW IT HAS TO BE!!
K-HAH HAH HAH !!
K-HEE HEE HEE !!

KYAHHH HAH HAH HAH HAH HHH!

WAS- HIZU'S ...

HAND... IS...!

II SHAN TEN FOR TSUU II SOU!!

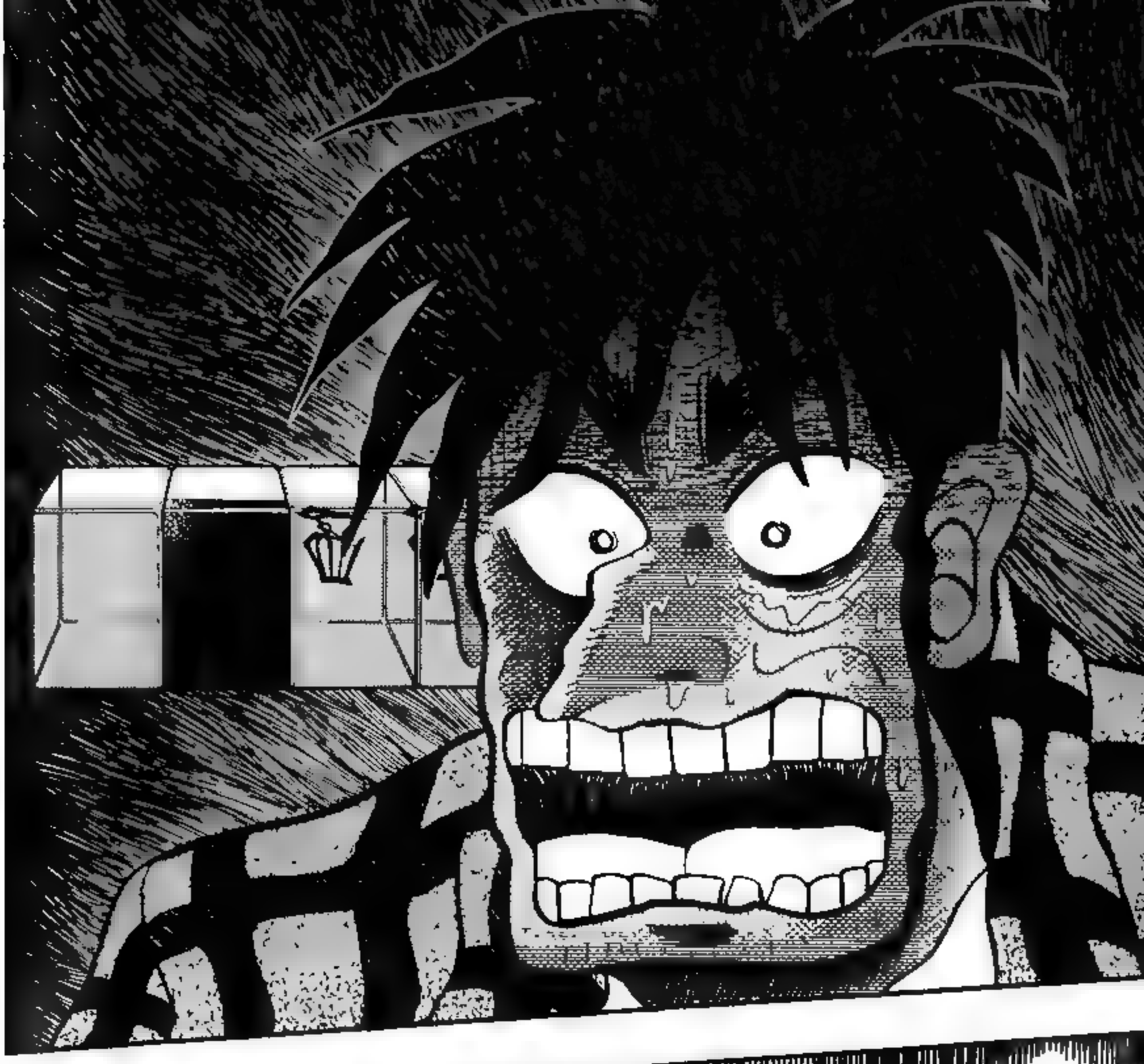
AND MORE THAN THAT...

HAH-HH...

THE PAIRS OF HONORS HE HAS LEFT, THE XIA AND HAKU...

...IN SU-ZU-KI'S HAND !!

ARE BOTH ...



I FUCKED UP,
I FUCKED UP,
I FUCKED UP!!!

A HUGE, HUGE MIS-TAKE!!!

THAT WAS A HUGE MIS-TAKE!!

KGH ...!!

GG GH HH ...!!

THE WOR- ST!!

THE ABSOLUTE WORST!!

WASHIZU'S TSUU II SOU...

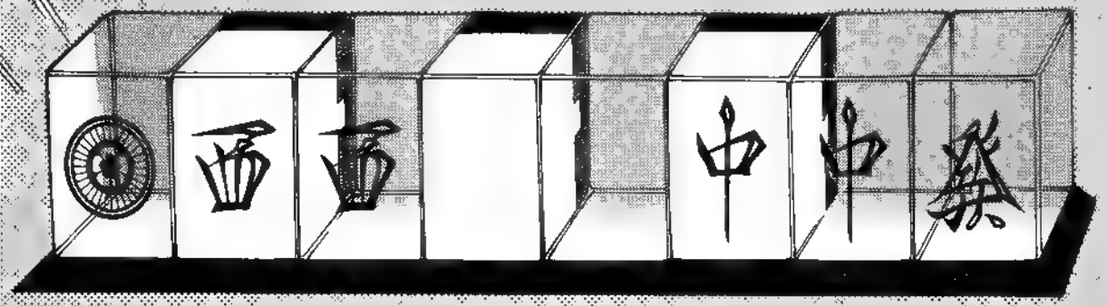
IT IS DEFINITE!

THAT'S RIGHT ...!

IS NOW SET IN STONE !!

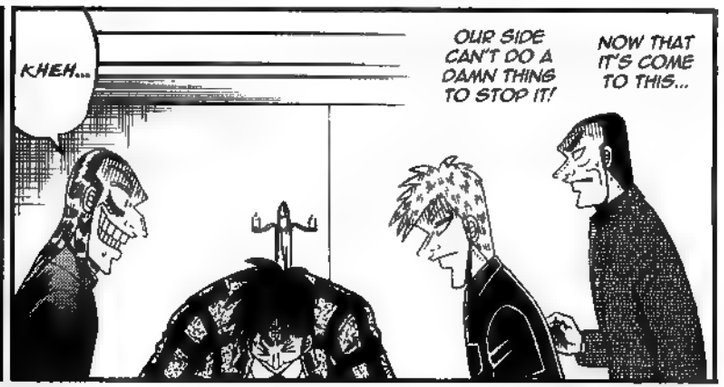
CHAPTER 154 - AUTOMATIC

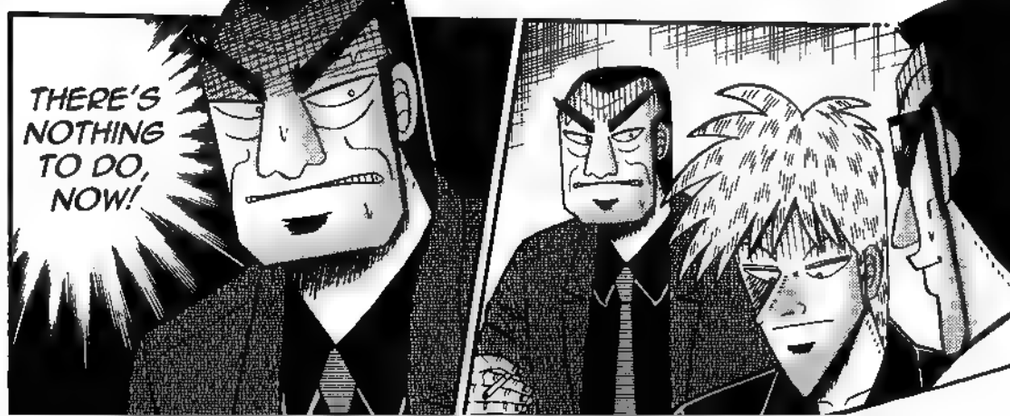
第154話 自動



HE HAS IT MADE, NOW!!

Washizu's Hand





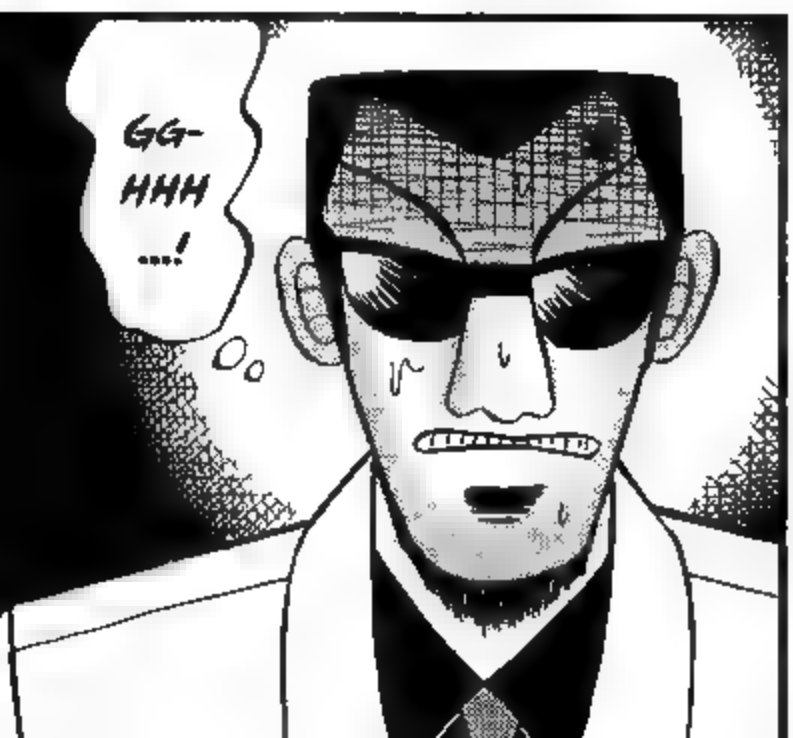
THIS AUTOMATIC MAHJONG!!

PON!

.....

KHEH HEH HEH...!

ドゴ…


GG-
HHH
...!

HAH
...!

SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...!

I GET IT...!

KHAH HAH HAH!!

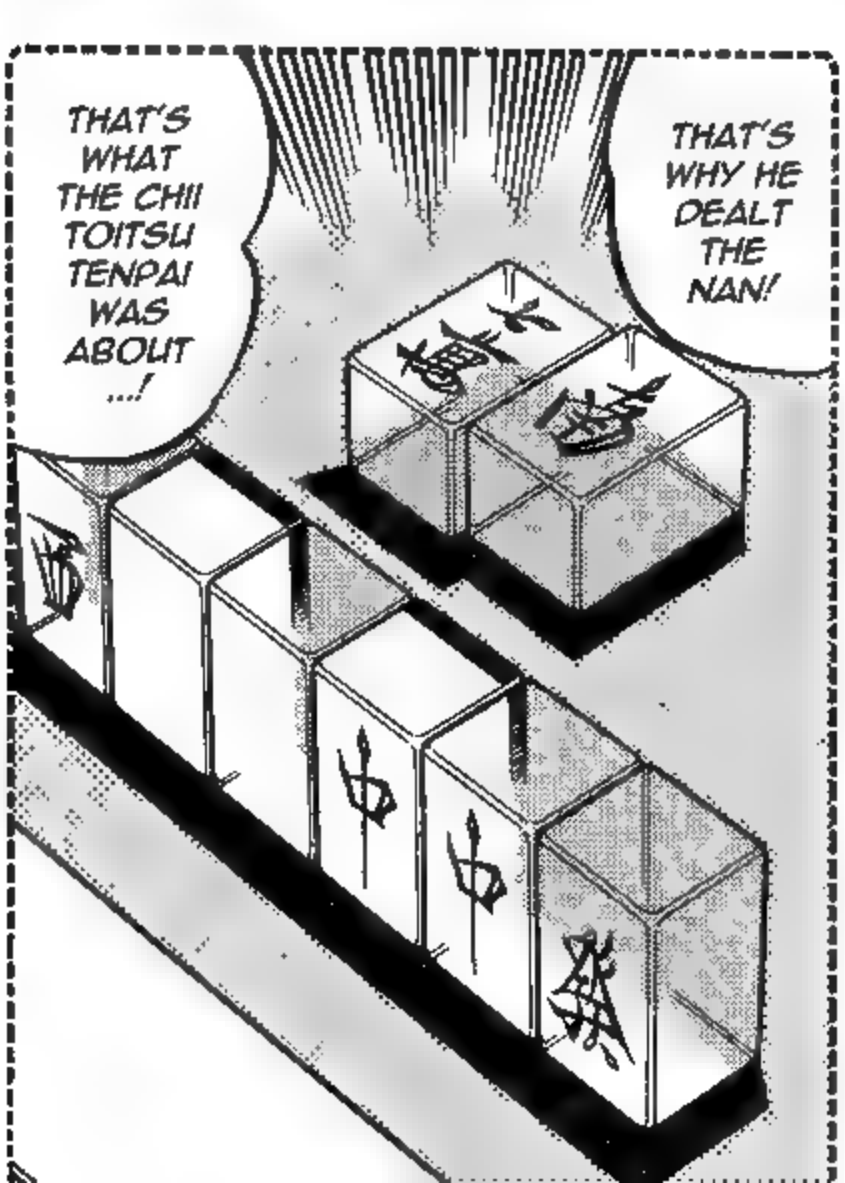
HE NEVER CONSIDERED GOING FOR CHII TOITSU!

FROM THE VERY MOMENT HE GOT THAT HAND...

WASHIZU-SAMA NEVER EVEN CON-SIDERED IT!

THAT'S WHAT THE CHII TOITSU TENPAI WAS ABOUT ...!

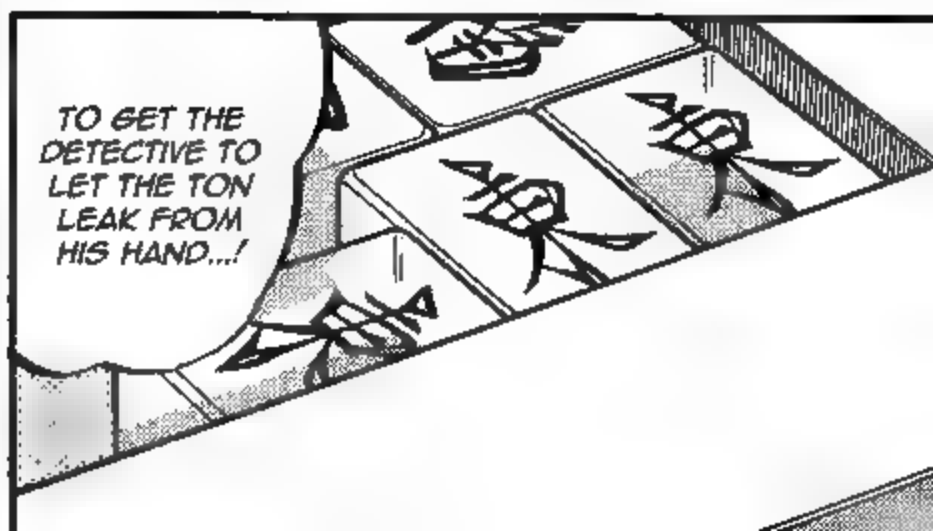
THAT'S WHY HE DEALT THE NAN!



WAS JUST HIS STRATEGY...

EVERY-THING

TO GET THE DETECTIVE TO LET THE TON LEAK FROM HIS HAND...!



THAT FALSE WAIT ON THE DORA, HATSU...

ALL THE WAY FROM ME

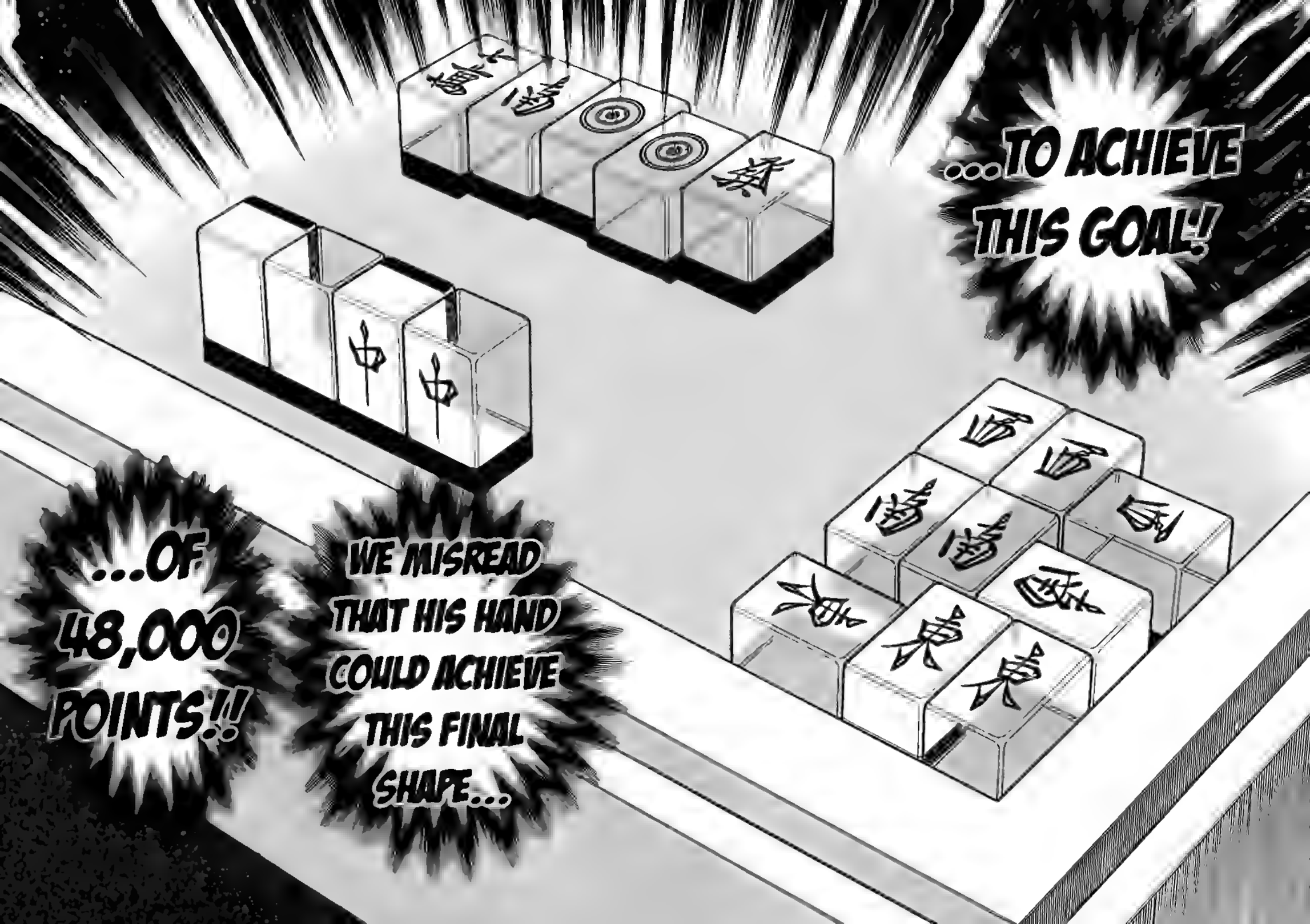
HE TRICKED EVERY-ONE INTO FALLING FOR IT!

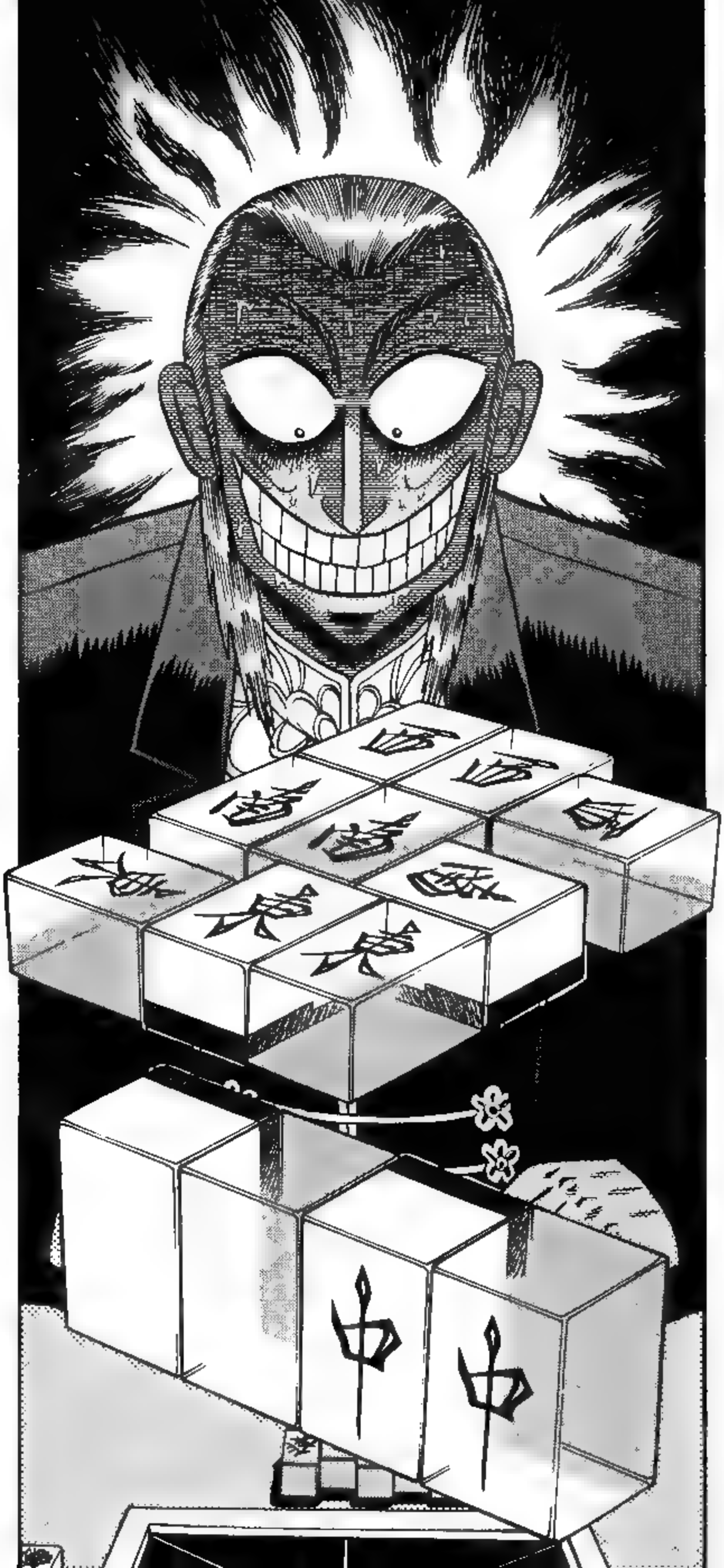
WAS A TRAP!

WE DIDN'T SEE THAT WASHIZU-SAMA WAS INCITING US WITH THIS SMOKE-SCREEN

WE MISREAD HIM!

TO THE DETECTIVE WHO PLA-YED HIS "LE!


...TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL!
...OF 48,000 POINTS!!
WE MISREAD THAT HIS HAND COULD ACHIEVE THIS FINAL SHAPE...



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WAIT
ON
HAKU
AND
CHUN!

It would be dealt into!

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It had been decided!

To Yasuoka...

GHH ...!

From Ohgi...

Was thinking that it had!

Everyone in the room...

It happened!

And then...

Even Washizu's Underlings looking on from behind.

Suzuki made the obvious move of dealing Washizu's winning tile!
It was decided!
This had decided the result of the round!
But...
This was not true!

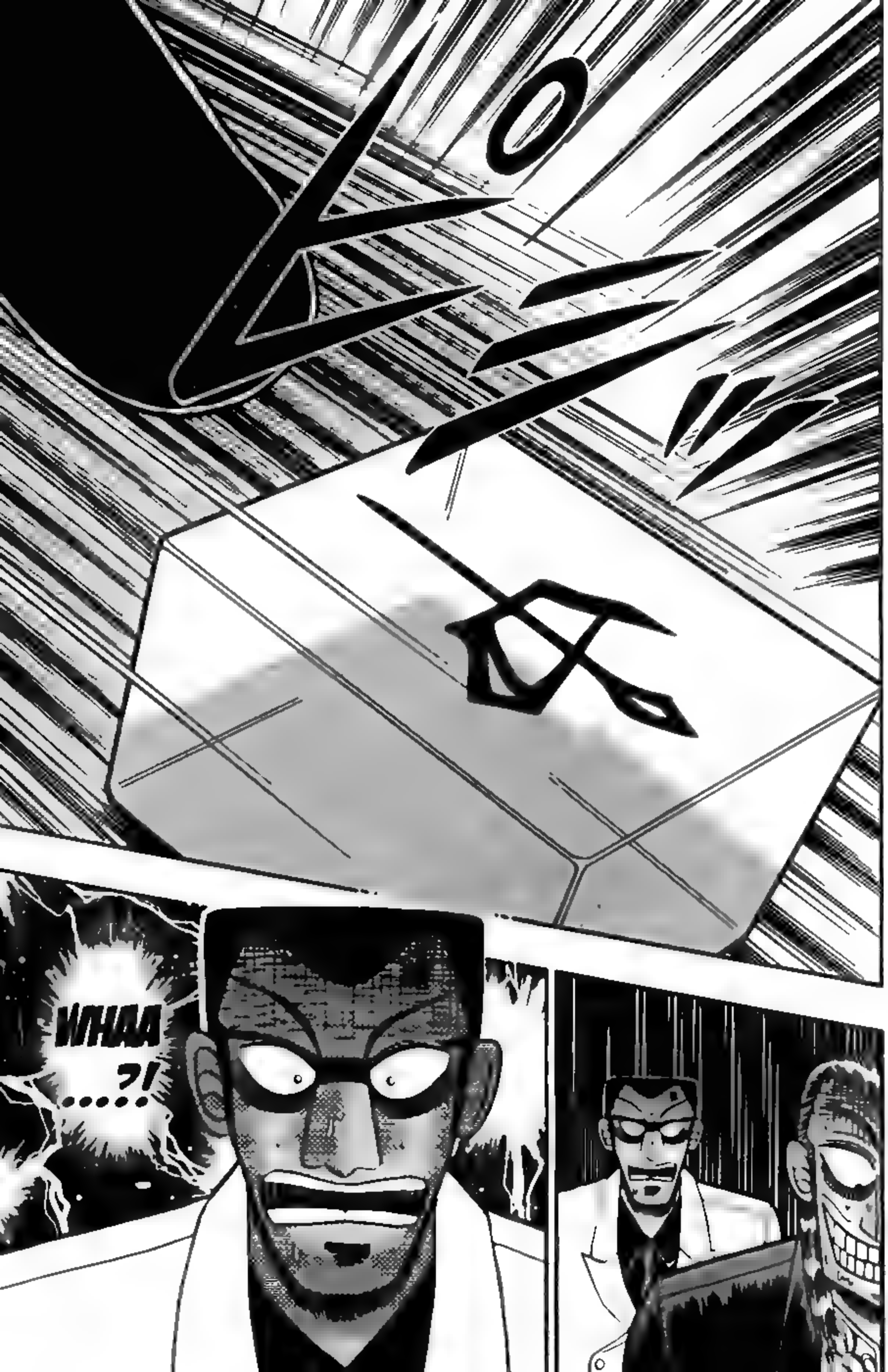
It was not yet over!

WASHIZU
MOVED...!

PON!!
HE MOVED IN A WAY THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE THOUGHT POSSIBLE!!
PON, I TELL YOU!
WHA ...?

THIS IS

A PON!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....

Washizu's Hand
WHAA-AAAAA-AAT?!
WH...!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT...
WHO-OOO-AHHH!!
JUS-
HE DON'T PON?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...!!

IT'S NOT OVER YET, AKAGI!!

WE'RE STILL ALIVE, NOW!!

HAH HHH HHH !!

HAH ...!

.....

WAS-HIZU-SAMA !!

AH ...!!

IF I WON, NOW...

WHY ...?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

JUST WHAT... WHAT IS THIS?!

IF I WERE TO COMPLETE MY HAND, NOW...

WHAT ...?!

HE WOULD GET THE EASY WAY OUT...!

THAT DEMON SITTING THERE ...!

WHA ...?

KHEH HEH HEH...

.....

KHEH HEH...

EHH HEH HEH ...!

THIS IS WHERE HE CO-ULD BE KILLED, AFTER ALL...!

YES... EVERYTHING COULD END HERE AND NOW...!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...

AKAGI SHIG-ERU ...?

CHAPTER 155 - ABNORMALITY

第155話異常

KHEH HEH HEH...!

THIS IS THE ROUND WHERE THE DEMON COULD BE KILLED OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL...!!
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ざわ…
THIS IS WHERE HE COULD DIE...!
HE IS TRULY KNOCKING ON DEATH'S DOOR...!
ざわ…

IT IS DANGER-OUS, TO BE CER-TAIN...!

WOULD BE VERY DAN-GEROUS, INDEED!

EVEN THE 48,000 POINTS FROM THE YAKUMAN...

IT IS NOT AN AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY ...!

KHEH HEH HEH ...!

.....

THERE WOULD BE NO EASY WAY FOR IT TO BE TOPPLED!

WITH THAT MUCH OF A LEAD OVER HIM...

THERE'S NO NEED TO LOOK SO DUMB-FOUNDED!

I UNDER-STAND YOUR CON-CERN!

YOU SHOULD SEE THE LOOK YOU'RE GIVING ME RIGHT NOW!

OH, STOP BEING SO WORRIED, SUZUKI!

BECAUSE WASHIZU MAHJONG IS A TEAM EFFORT

THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO WORRY!

THIS YAKUMAN WIN WOULD MAKE ME PERFECTLY SAFE!

CER-TAINLY, IN A NORMAL POSI-TION...

TO RUN THE REST OF THE DISTANCE!

AND DEAL INTO YOUR HANDS OVER AND OVER...

I CAN FOCUS ON ONE, SOLITARY AIM...

AND THAT THERE ARE ONLY 6 ROUNDS LEFT

CONSIDERING THAT THIS IS THE EAST 3RD ROUND OF THE HANCHAN

BUT...

I WOULD BE VICTORIOUS!

IT WOULD BE A DONE DEAL AT THAT POINT...

AND TAKE THE WIN THAT WAY!

I COULD SAFELY GO THROUGH THE REST OF THE 6 ROUNDS...

BE THAT AS IT MAY...!

IT IS DIFFE-RENT!

THE SITUATION IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT!

AGAINST THIS DEMON THAT SITS BEFORE ME...

THERE IS NO WAY OF TELLING WHAT SINISTER PLOTS HE STILL HAS IN STORE ...!

HE IS AN EVIL SPIRIT! A GH-OUL!

THAT NORMAL REASONING DOES NOT APPLY!

WHICH IS WHY...

I SHALL DRAW IT!!

I SHALL DRAW THE CHUN, HERE AND NOW!!

I SHALL KILL HIM ....!!

CUT OFF HIS BREA-THING!!

FINISH HIM OFF...!

THAT COMES BEFORE ALL ELSE!!

THAT IS WHAT I MUST DO!

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THIS GAME... IT'S UN-REAL ...!!

A NON-SENSI-CAL DECI-SION ...!

A NON-SENSICAL PON...!!

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I DON'T GET IT...! THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL!!

A NON-SENSICAL SINGLE-TILE VAULT!!

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, I JUST DON'T KNOW!

SUDE, IT'S GOOD THAT HE STILL HASN'T WON YET, BUT...

.....

IT'S A DEATH SEN-TENCE "

OR WHE-THER...

I CAN'T TELL IF THIS IS A GOODSEND FOR US...

It was biz-zarre ...!

He had overlooked his Yakuman win...
.....
Washizu was able to win.
In favor of a pon!
He took a Furiten wait for a single Chun tile!
.....
An abnormal circumstance that could not have been foreseen normally!
An abnormal game of Mahjong!

A Tsumo for Tsuu Ii Sou ...!

He was aiming for Tsumo!

And also...

.....

This decision was made in fear of what Akagi might do next...

Belief that his strong luck would prevail!

Belief in himself!

He had entered the zone! He had complete confi-dence in his luck!

The feeling that he had already drawn it...

Would undoubt-edly be himself!

The one who would draw the last Chun...

That faith!

Fierce, unsha-keable belief!
That...

In this round...
That was quite under-stand-able!
But...

HAD DRIFTED WAS- HIZU'S WAY!

ALL OF THE MOMENTUM THERE WAS TO GET...

IF THE CHUN DOESN'T GO TO ME, WHO WOULD GET IT!?

IF I WON'T DRAW IT...

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT!

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THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THEY CAN PULL IN!!

FOR THOSE PITIFUL INSECTS DRIED UP BY MY HEAT ENERGY ...

WHA-?!

WHAT WAS THAT?! THAT SENSATION, JUST NOW?!

AHH ?! ....!

AHHHHH ?!?! .....!

One time.

There was one moment ...

In this round...

ONLY ONE INST-ANT...

IN WHICH THE DAWN BROKE THROUGH ...!

SPRUNG BACK TO LIFE!!
IN WHICH THAT WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED DEAD...
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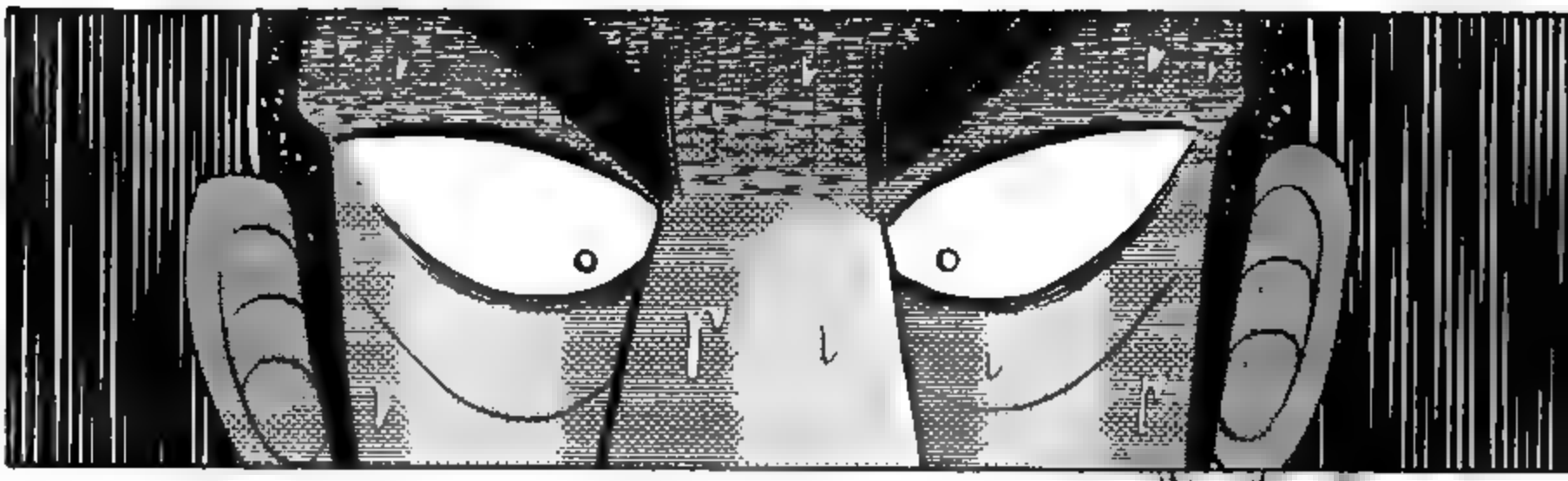

WHOA-
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....
A
light!

AKAGI HAD FOUND A LIGHT TO HELP HIM SURVIVE !!

WITH THIS DRAW OF THE CHUN...

WHA ...!

OH- HOHH- HH!!

OHHH H!!!

WHA-
AAAA-
AAAT
?!?!

FLASH

CHAPTER 156

第156話 閃光

IMPOS-
SIBLE!!!

HE DREW THE CHUN?!

WHAT...

HE ACTUALLY DREW IN THE CHUN?!?!

THAT VERY LAST TILE...

THAT LAST CHUN...

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

WHY?!

WHY DID HE DRAW IT?!

SO WHY?!

IT WAS SUP-POSED TO BE MINE!!

THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE!!

IF IT WAS...

THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!!

THIS ROUND IS UNDER MY COMPLETE DOMINION!!

BUT NOW... RIGHT NOW...

IF IT WAS ANY OTHER TIME, THEN SURE!!

WHICH IS WHY...

IT WAS ME!

THE ONLY LOGICAL OUT-COME WOULD BE FOR ME TO DRAW THAT TILE!!

IT WAS MY DESTINY TO DRAW IT!!

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Oooo

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IT'S UN-THINK-ABLE!!

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THIS IS A POSITIVELY UNTHINK-ABLE OUT-COME!!

A flash!

To see a flash of light!

Akagi now had the first chance in a long time...

In this turn ...

And since he was given a single chance to move...

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Akagi took full advantage of it!

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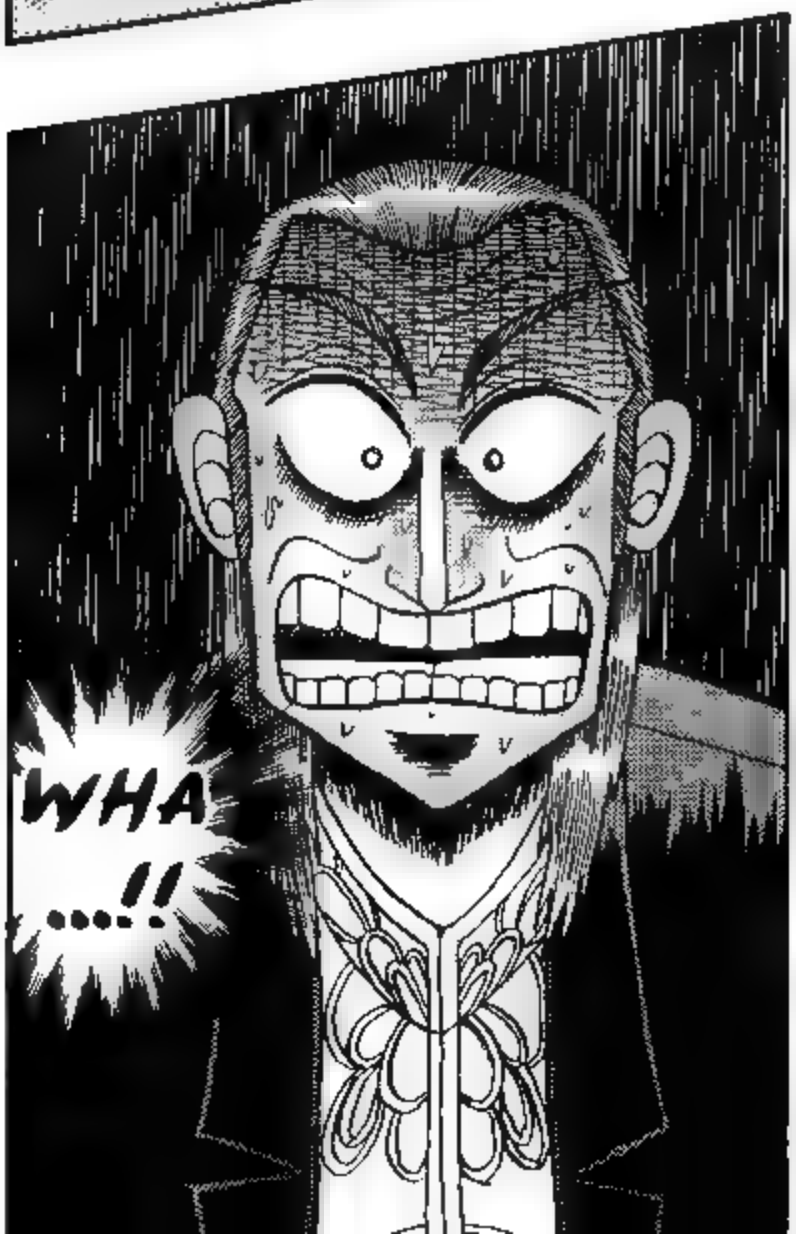
WHA
...!!

PON!

WHAAAAT?!

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KGHH...!!

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ざわ…

GGH...!

ざわ…

WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS?!
Akagi's Hand
TRYING TO KEEP MY DOUBTS ALIVE!
HE MADE IT TO A HON ITSU TENPAI WITH THAT CALL..!
THIS IS BAD..!
.....
HMMMM?!
YOU PULLED A QUICK HAND TOGETHER, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?!
YOU THINK I'LL BELI-EVE...
HE'S PLAYING TRICKS ON ME AGAIN!
IT WOULD LOOK LIKE...
CALLING PON ON THE 2-MAN AND THEN PLAYING 9-MAN
THIS BRAT ...

AKAGI MADE HIS HON ITSU TENPAI ...

BY SOME SMALL CHANCE ...

SO IF...

IT'S THE DETEC-TIVE'S TURN, NOW...

IT WOULD VANISH!

HE COULD HAVE IT DEALT INTO, RIGHT NOW!

GGH ...!!

But...

HIS YAKUMAN WOULD GO OUT THE WINDOW!!

WASHIZU-SAMA'S UNSHAKE-ABLE LEAD WOULD BE NO MORE...!

It did not hap-pen!

That pre-diction did not come true!

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Natur rally, it could not come to fruition!

WE'RE SAVED ...!!

WE...

NOT WITH HIS HAND IN THIS MISERABLE STATE!

With this Bluff!

Which meant, the only road that remained for him...

_was to bluff!

It was in no shape to take Washizu's win away!

This time, Akagi could not so much as put together a hand!

Even up against Washizu's oppression...

A TRANSPARENT, DESPERATE BLUFF!

HMPH!

SO HE'S TRYING TO RESIST ME, IS HE...?

THAT IDIOTIC INSECT ...

IS DOING EVERY-THING THAT HE CAN.

TO TRY AND STOP ME, THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCE FROM THE HEAVENS!!

THAT'S ALL!

HE'S STAYING STRONG UNTIL THE END!

I'M 99% CERTAIN THAT HE'S BLUFFING!!

HE'S BLUFF-ING!

SO, AT ANY RATE ...

.....

BUT...

.....

I NO LONGER HAVE ANY WINNING TILES LEFT!

HE PLUCKED MY CHUN OUT FROM THE DRAW PILE!

NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS...

SO ...?

PICK A SIDE!
BACK FROM THIS DESPERATE CIRCUMSTANCE?!
WHAT CAN I DO TO TAKE ME BACK, NOW?!
THE HEAVENS HAVE TO PICK A SIDE TO SUPPORT!!
OR IS IT...
SO IS IT THE DEMON'S SIDE...?

THE KING'S ?!

THE EM-PER-OR'S SIDE ...?

IS IT ME ...?

HAH ...!

WHO-- !! ....

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WHAT?!

CHAPTER 157 - DIVINE PROTECTION

第157話 加護

WHAT THE-!! THAT'S -!!
WHA -?!

THAT'S INCRED-IBLE!!

AND WHAT'S MORE, IT'S THE PEI!!

ANOTHER HONOR TILE...!!

HE'LL HAVE A PEI WAIT..!!!

IF HE SWITCHES IT OUT FOR THE CHUN, THEN...!!

THE PEI MEANS...

IS IN HIS HAND!

ON TOP OF EVERY-THING ELSE ...

AND THAT PEI SINGLE WAIT...

WHICH MEANS ...

SUZUKI HAS IT IN HIS HAND!!

ON TOP OF THE TSUU!! SOU, HE CAN GET A SHOU SUU SHII...
HE CAN HAVE IT DEALT INTO!!
A DEALER DOUBLE YAKUMAN!!
T/N: "SHOU SUU SHII" (LITERALLY "LITTLE FOUR WINDS") IS WHEN YOU HAVE A TRIPLET OF THREE OF THE WIND TILES, AND A PAIR OF THE FORTH, WORTH YAKUMAN.

KH-
EH...

96,000
POINTS!!

KYAAAHH

HAH HAH HAH HAH !!

WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT ...!

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KHEH HEH HEH ...!!

SO THIS IS HOW IT IS...!!

I SEE...!

HMMM-MMM!

DREW THAT TRIFLING CHUN, TO BE SURE.

BUT IT IS NOTHING!

THAT BRAT...

IT CAN BE OVER-LOOKED COMP-ARED TO THIS!

HOPE TO PUT UP A FIGHT AGAINST ME...

SO TO IMAGINE THAT HE COULD POSSI-BLY...

I AM FAVORED BY THE HEAVENS!

I AM UNDER THE PRO-TECTION OF THE DIVINE!

IS NO-THING MORE THAN A DE-LUSION!

WHAT WAS I EVEN THINKING, BEFORE?!

KHEH-HEH-HEH...! SIMPLY IDIOTIC...!!

THAT WOULD BE IMPOS-SIBLE!!

THERE'S NO WAY!

THE ONE ...

THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN ...

IS ME!!

ONLY ME!!!

WASHIZU IWAO, IS GOD'S CHOSEN ONE!!

ONLY THE EM-PEROR

Washizu

Tsuu Ii Sou, Shou Suu Shii Tenpai...!

KGH ...!

GGH ...!

ざわ..

K-HEH HEH HEH ...!

K-HAH HAH HAH !!

A PEI WAIT ?!

PEI ...?

THI-NKING ABOUT HOW I AM NOW...

I DON'T NEED A CHUN!

THAT'S RIGHT!!

FOR GOD...

THAT WAS MERELY TRIFLING FOR ME!!

A DOUBLE YAKU-MAN!! (TSUU II SOU. SHOU SUU SHII)

HAS TAKEN MY HAND UP EVEN HIGHER WITH ANOTHER YAKU-MAN!!

I WILL WIN BY A LAND-SLIDE!!

EVERY LAST DROP OF BLOOD FROM THAT BODY OF YOURS, FAR BEYOND WHAT YOU NEED TO LIVE!!

IT WILL DRAIN THE DEMON DOWN TO NOTHING ...!

IT WILL BE ENO-UGH TO TAKE ...

AND WITH THIS DOUBLE YAKU-MAN...

YOU WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WRITHE IN PAIN!!

YOU WILL DIE IN HORRIFYING AGONY !!

IN OTHER WORDS ...

K-HEH HEH HEH ...

GAH ...!

YOU DRAWING THAT CHUN DID NOTHING TO STOP MY TSUM II SOU!!

THERE WAS NEVER ANY NEED FOR IT!!

RIGHT ...?

YOU DEMON ...!!

HM MM MM MM?

HAH HAH HAH HAH!

KEH-HAHHH!

KHEH...!!

GGHH...!

KHEH KEH KEH!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

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KGGHHH...!

HIS HAND GETS SHOU SUU SHII ADDED ONTO IT ...

THE PEI WOULD MEAN...

AND THIS TIME, IT'S THE PEI!

AN HONOR TILE!

EVERY SINGLE DRAW OF HIS HAS BEEN...

IT'S INSANE!!

K- HEH HEH HEH !!

FOR DOUBLE YAKU-MAN!

BUT ...

AN ABSO-LUTELY INSANE FLOW!!

.....

AND IF SUZUKI DOESN'T HAVE IT...

IT'S SUZUKI'S TURN!

IT COULD STILL WORK OUT!

RIGHT NOW... IF HE HAS JUST THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF BAD LUCK...

WHA ...!?

IF HE DOE-SN'T HAVE IT, THEN !

IF SUZUKI DOESN'T HAVE THAT PEI

Chk

DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU REALLY...?!

WHA... WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT ?!

KHAH HAH HAH ...!!

WHAAAAAT ...?!

YOU NIN-COM-POOP!

OF COURSE HE HAS IT!!

KHAH HAH HAH HAH!!

WH AA AA AA ?!

WITH MY LUCK, OF COURSE HE WOULD HAVE IT!

IS THIS NOT JUST NATURAL ?!

HUH HH HH H?

WHAT'S THERE TO BE SHOCKED ABOUT ...?

THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO EXPECT WHEN DEALING WITH AN EMPEROR SUCH AS MYSELF ...!

WAS-HIZU SAMA.

?

YOU MUST BE JOK-ING!

SHALL I?

HUH ...?

WHAT ...?

WHAT GOOD WOULD DEALING IT DO ...?

I'M GOING TO DRAW THAT TILE NEXT, AFTER ALL! THAT PE!!

WHA...!!

CHAPTER 158 - DUST CLOUD

第158話 砂塵

WHAT!?...!?

WAS-HIZU SAMA...!!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ....!!
WAS-HIZU SAMA ....!!
KHEH HEH HEH ....!
WASHIZU SAMA...!!
WHY... WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THIS ?!

K-HEH HEH HEH ...!
IT'S INSANE!!
THIS LUNATIC KEEPS PUSHING FURTHER AND FUR-THER...!!

YOU'RE GOING TO DRAW THE PE?!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRAW THE PE!, THEN...
WASHIZU SAMA ...!!
DO WE STILL HAVE A WAY TO STAY ALIVE... TO MAKE A COMEBACK ...?!
DOES THIS MEAN THERE'S STILL A CHANCE ?!

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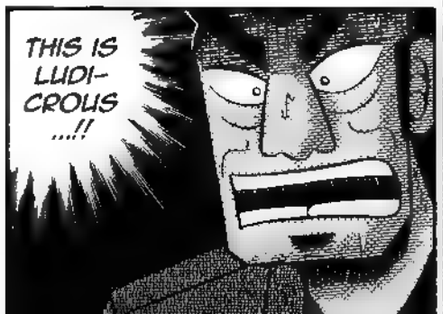

THIS IS LUDI-CROUS ...!!

HA HH HH HH ....!!
PLEASE, JUST THINK ABOUT IT SOME MORE!!

AND LET IT...

AND LET IT GO AROUND THE TABLE ANOTHER TIME...?! IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN?!

YOU'RE GOING TO AVOID HAVING SUZUKI DEAL IN...

THAT MEANS ...

NOW, NOW ...!

HAS YOUR BRAIN TURNED TO MUSH ...?

WHAT'S SO DIFFI-CULT TO UNDER-STAND...?

K-HAH HAH HAH !!

OF COURSE I'LL LET IT GO AROUND THE TABLE AGAIN! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN DRAW!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

CAN'T CHANGE THE RULES AND DRAW TWICE IN A ROW ...!

EVEN A KING SUCH AS MY-SELF ...

LOOK AT WHAT'S RIGHT THERE ...

JUST OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK !!

YOU CANNOT DO THAT!!

THERE'S JUST NO WAY!!

THIS MIRA-CLE!!

THIS MON-STER HAND !!

IT'S 96 THOU-SAND POI-NTS, SIR !!

A DEALER DOUBLE YAKU-MAN!!

DON'T YOU ALREADY HAVE EVERY-THING YOU NEED?!

YOU DON'T NEED TO FIXATE ON A TSUMO ...!

WAS-HIZU SAMA ...!

K-HAH HAH HAH ...!

96 THOU-SAND !!!!

NOT 96 HUNDRED POINTS...

KHEH HEH...

WIN WITH JUST THIS ONE HAND !!

PLE-ASE, JUST THIS ONE HAND ...

THIS TIME, I CAN'T KEEP QUIET...

Suzuki's Hand

TRYING TO PRE-TEND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

JUST LOOK AT ALL OF YOU...

KHAH HAH HAH HAH !!

YOU ARE THE ONES WHO NEED TO OPEN THEIR EYES!!

CAN'T YOU SEE-EEE?

I WILL DEFY ALL PROBABILITY AND DRAW THE PE!!

ON THE NEXT TURN...

I SEE IT!

NO, SIR!

IT'S AS CLEAR AS DAY TO ME!

AS YOU ARE NOW, WASHIZU-SAMA, YOU WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY DRAW IT!

I AM IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH YOU ON THAT POINT!

AHH ...?

NO !!

THEN WE HAVE NO PROB-LEM!

YOU WILL GET THE PEI THAT YOU NEED!

THAT IS NOT TRUE, SIR!!

KHAH HAH HAH ...!

PLEASE, TRY AND UNDER-STAND!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA !!

EVEN WITH THAT, YOU MUST NOT GO ON!

IT WOULD SEEM CLEAR THAT HE IS IN HON ITSU TENPAI!

AND DEALT THE 9-MAN!

AKAGI HAS CALLED TWO TIMES...

WAS-HIZU SAMA ...!!

IT'S OBVI-OUS!

THAT HAND IS A BLUFF!

WHAT ARE YOU BLAB-BERING ON ABOUT?

OH, STOP IT!

SO... SO... SO IF BY SOME CHANCE, AKAGI MAKES-

YOU SEE, IF AKAGI ...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?

HUH ...?

I'M SORRY, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE ODDS OF THAT ARE VERY LOW!

WERE NOT IN TENPAI JUST NOW...

HE WOULD MOST CERTAINLY HAVE CALLED PON!

THEN WHEN YOU PLAYED THAT CHUN JUST NOW, WASHIZU-SAMA...

IT WOULD BE TRE-MENDOUS FOR HIM!

HE WOULD SKIP OVER SUZUKI'S TURN AS WELL, KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!

SO FOR HIM TO HAVE OVER-LOOKED THAT CHUN CAN ONLY MEAN...

AND ALSO, IF HE CALLED PON...

IT COULD ONLY ADVANCE HIS HAND A BIT FURTHER!

THAT WOULD MEAN...

IN OTHER WORDS ...

MEAN-ING...

...CALLING WOULD WORSEN HIS HAND!

HE WOULD BE PUT INTO A SHAPE WITH LESS WAYS TO WIN...

K-HAH HAH HAH !!

KHEH HEH HEH ...!

HE IS IN TENPAI, RIGHT NOW!

RIGHT THIS MO-MENT ...

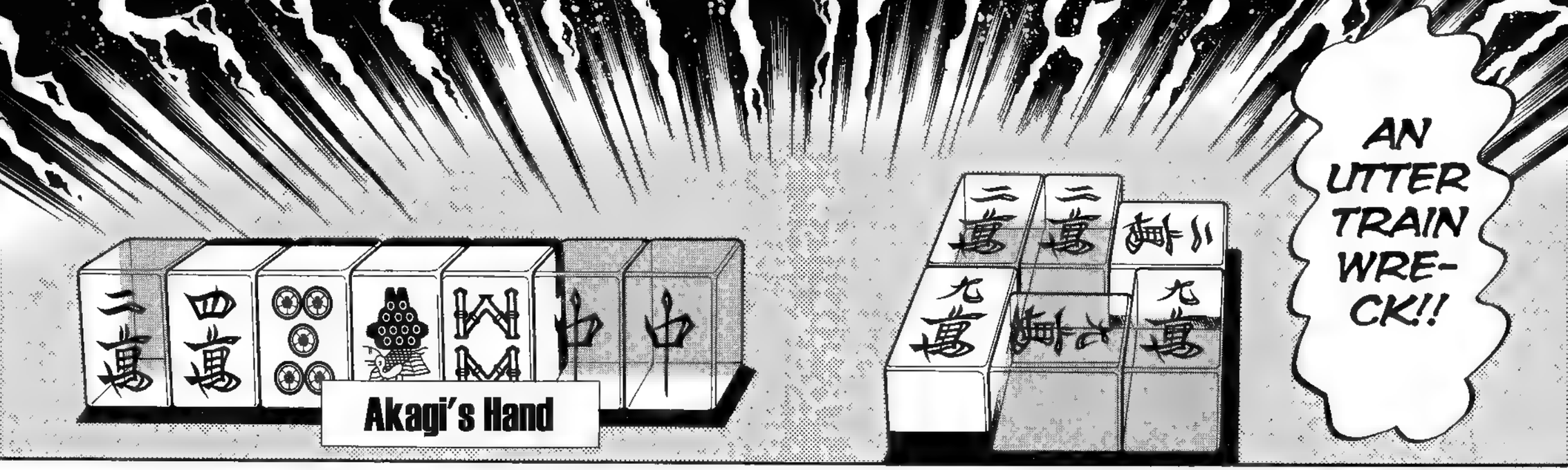
HIS HAND IS...

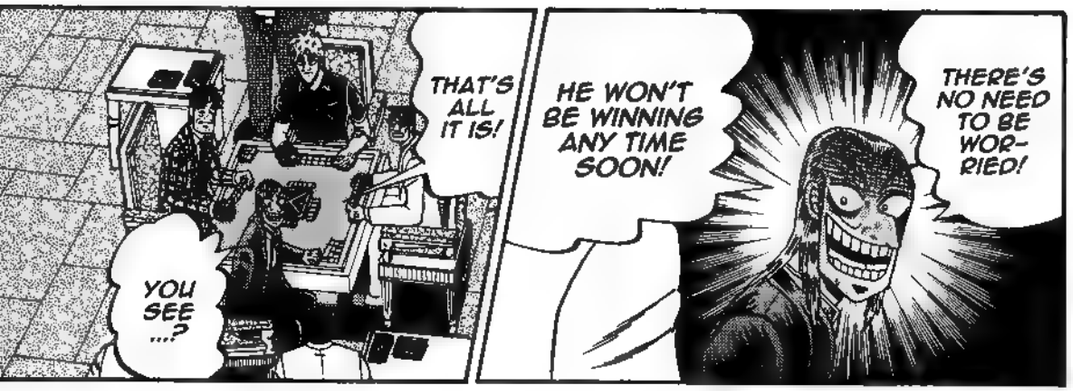
IT'S THE EXACT OPPO-SITE!

HOW MUCH NON-SENSE CAN YOU SPEW, HMM?!

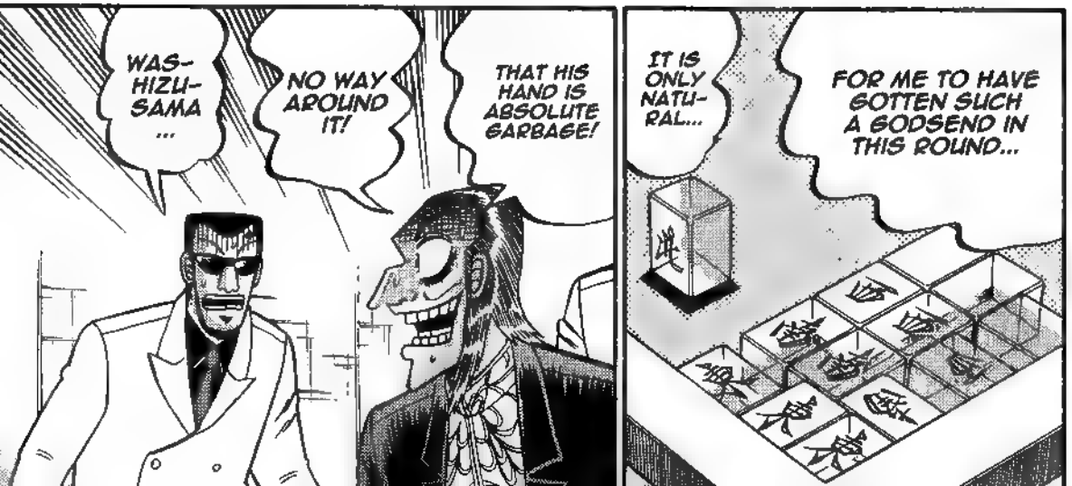
WHAT A BAD JOKE!

HEY, HEY!


Akagi's Hand
AN UTTER TRAIN WRE-CK!!


THAT'S ALL IT IS!
HE WON'T BE WINNING ANY TIME SOON!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE WOR-RIED!
YOU SEE ...?

HE DID NOT CALL THE CHUN, JUST NOW!
GGH ...!
SO THAT IS WHY...
THERE'S NOTHING HE CAN DO TO IMPROVE HIS HAND AT THIS POINT!


WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...
NO WAY AROUND IT!
THAT HIS HAND IS ABSOLUTE GARBAGE!
IT IS ONLY NATU-RAL...
FOR ME TO HAVE GOTTEN SUCH A GODSEND IN THIS ROUND...

HE SAW THROUGH AKAGI'S TRICK...
YOU SEE ...?
FUCK!
.....

AND I HAVE SEEN YOUR AMAZING FORTUNE AT WORK ALL THE WHILE!

I HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR YOU FOR 10 YEARS NOW...

SO THAT IS WHY...

I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

WE HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANGE WHILE WE STILL CAN!

RIGHT NOW...

IF THERE'S EVEN THE SLIGHTEST AMOUNT OF RISK INVOLVED...

BUT EVEN SO...

I AM ABLE TO UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU SAY!

THIS DOUBLE YAKU-MAN!!

AND SEIZE WHAT IS ABSOLUTELY DEFINITE!

AVOID THAT RISK...

THEN WE MUST WARD IT OFF!

EVEN IF...

IS NOT RIGHT NOW !!

THE TIME TO SETTLE THINGS FOR GOOD...

YOU ARE THE ONE PLAYING, WASHIZU SAMA!!

WHAAAAT?!?!

HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!

HAVE YOU NO CONFIDENCE?!

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY TO ME, YOU BASTARD?!

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AKAGI'S HAND IS A BLUFF!!

IT'S JUST A BLUFF !!

HOW MANY TIMES MUST I SAY IT?!

WAS-HIZU SAMA...

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE DETECTIVE'S HAND...?

HUH ...?

I AGREE WITH YOU.

WITH THAT PART ...

Yazuoka's Hand

HE SEEMS TO HAVE COME A LONG WAY, ALREADY!

FROM JUST A LOOK AT IT NOW...

Yasuoka's Hand

TRUE...

HE HASN'T GOTTEN HIS TENPAI YET!

BUT HE ISN'T THERE, YET!

HMM ...?

DO YOU THINK THAT IT'S ANY FURTHER AWAY THAN THAT...?

AT THE VERY LEAST, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE 2 TILES FROM TENPAI!

HOW-EVER...

IT MIGHT NOT BE IN TENPAI QUITE YET.

Yasuoka's Hand

IF IT'S 2 TILES AWAY FROM TENPAI, THEN...

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WELL, NO...

……

SO, FROM THERE ...

IT IS POSSIBLE HE COULD ACHIEVE TENPAI WITH JUST THAT!

THAT MEANS IF HE GETS 2 MORE TURNS TO DRAW...

IT'S DEFI-NITELY DAN-GEROUS, SIR!

HUH ...?

IN THAT CASE ...

I DON'T THINK SO...

SOME-
WHERE
IN HIS
HAND...

IF, ON
AKAGI'S
NEXT
DRAW...

CONSIDER
WHAT MIGHT
HAPPEN IN A
CASE LIKE
THIS:

HE
PAIRS
UP A
TILE!

AND
MOVE
ONE
STEP
CLO-
SER!

COULD
DRAW A
USEFUL
TILE ON
HIS
TURN...

THEN
THE
DETE-
CTIVE...

IF
THAT
HAP-
PENED
...

IS A TILE THAT AKAGI CAN PON...

IF THE TILE THAT OVER-FLOWS ...

AND THEN ...

FROM THERE ...

THE DETECTIVE WOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW!

THEN ONCE AGAIN ...

IF HE WERE TO GET ANOTHER USEFUL TILE AT THAT POINT...

IT WOULD BE TENPAI!
IT WOULD VANISH AWAY!
THEY COULD STEAL IT!
WOULD BE DE-STROYED!
THIS MONSTER HAND...
AND IF THEN...
HM...
THAT WOULD BE THE END!
YOU DRAW THE TILE HE'S WAITING ON...
ON YOUR TURN ...

CRUMBLE INTO A CLOUD OF DUST!!

IT WOULD TOPPLE DOWN...!

GGH ...!!

CHAPTER 159 - ADVICE

第159話 進言

GGH ...!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA!

THERE IS A CHA-NCE!

IF YOU DO NOT MAKE USE OF SU-ZUKI'S NEXT TURN, IT IS POSSIBLE...

PLEASE, TRY AND UNDER-STAND!

TO BE REDUCED TO NOTH-ING...!!

...FOR THIS DOUBLE YAKU-MAN...

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!!

BE QUIET!

.....

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!!

This advice of Washizu's underling...

I... I'M SORRY, SIR!!

YOU TALK TOO MUCH!

...And get away safely!

Was based around the possibility that Yasuoka and Akagi could be able to assist each other...

...was, in fact, possible!

To shut off Washizu's dominant position...

This revival from the brink of death...

This much was fact!

The possibility existed!

That was the first lucky break that would be needed.

Akagi could only pair his 5-pin in order to Pon...

However, in order to do so...

In the next two draws...

...to have 2 more bursts of luck.

After that, Yasuoka would need...

...he would need to get to Tenpai!

...Would need to draw 3-sou!

Washizu, who had to this point drawn nothing but Honor Tiles...

And even if those three require-ments were ful-filled...

4 different feats of divine influence would need to take place in sequence!

So in order for him to draw Yasuoka's winning tile...

—miracle!!

Truly a 1-in-1000, or even 1-in-10,000...

That tiny possibility was all that remained!

A near impossible happenstance!

A mass assembly of demonic power ...

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...

.....

Do

THIS ADVICE OF OURS ...?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT WE MEANT ...?

"AD-VICE" ...?

UM, WELL, YES...

WHAT ...?

I... I'M SORRY, SIR!!

YOU'RE ADVISING ME?!?!

YOU CALL THIS "AD-VICE" ?!

IF I DON'T, NO-THING WILL HAP-PEN!!

IF YOU DON'T-

WE'VE ALL AGREED THAT YOU HAVE TO DO THIS ...!

IT'S JUST ...

FOR THE FIRST THREE ...

WAS-HIZU SAMA ...!!

THOSE FOUR THINGS YOU MEN-TIONED CANNOT HAP-PEN!!

HUH ...?

THE ONES WHERE THE DETECTIVE MIGHT PUT A TENPAI TOGE-THER...

WHERE I, IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS INCREDIBLE LUCK...

THE VERY LAST RE-QUIRE-MENT...

BUT!!

MIGHT HAPPEN OR MIGHT NOT, THAT MUCH I WILL GIVE YOU.

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...

WOULD DRAW THAT PI-ECE-OF-SHIT DE-TECTIVE'S WINNING TILE...!!

FOR ME AS I AM NOW...

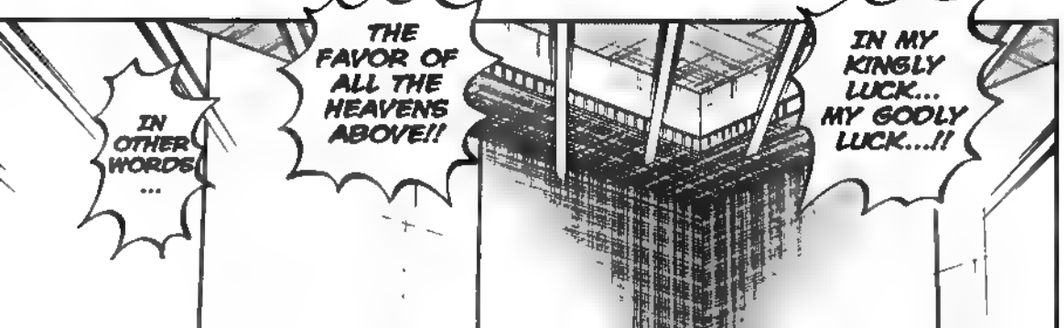
MY NEXT DRAW ...

THAT MUCH IS IMPOS-SIBLE, AT THE VERY LEAST !!

IS IM-POS-SI-BLE!!

ONLY MY WINNING TILE, PEI, IS POS-SIBLE!!
...CAN ONLY BE THE PEI!!
Washizu's Hand

IN MY PO-WER?!?!
DON'T YOU BE-LIEVE IN ME?!
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD SEE IT!!


IN OTHER WORDS...
THE FAVOR OF ALL THE HEAVENS ABOVE!!
IN MY KINGLY LUCK... MY GODLY LUCK...!!

YOSH-IOKA!
MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD...
WHY CAN YOU NOT UNDER-STAND THAT SIMPLE FACT?!

I AM AT THE VERY TOP !!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...

AGA-INST ME, A 1-IN-10,000 CHANCE WILL NEVER HAPPEN!!

A GOD !!!

I AM A KING !!

BUT I KNOW THAT, VERY WELL.

I KNOW I HAVE BEEN COM-PLAINING QUITE A LOT...

THEN ...!!

YOU ARE A GOD AMONG MEN!

A SPECIAL, EXCEP-TIONAL BEING!

WASHIZU-SAMA, YOU ARE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE REACH OF NORMAL STATISTICS...

BUT EVEN SO...

.....

NOT EVEN YOU...

CAN PREDICT WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS!

ALL THINGS THAT EXIST IN THIS WORLD ARE TRAPPED INSIDE A CAGE!

AND EVEN THE GODS ...

EVEN THE KINGS ...

WHA ...!!

A CAGE OF THE PRES-ENT!

A CAGE OF "TIME"!

I BELIEVE THERE IS A 99% CHANCE!

AND THAT WE COULD HAVE EVEN BETTER ODDS, WITH 99.999 OR 99.9999...

AND IF WE CON-TINUE ON...

THE ODDS MIGHT BE EVEN CLOSER TO 100% THAN I COULD HAVE IMAGINED!

OF CO-URSE ...

NOBODY CAN PRE-DICT THE FUTURE!

EVEN THEN ...

HOW-EVER...

YOU MUST CON-SIDER ...

THAT IT IS NOT A SURE THING!

I BEG OF YOU!

PLEASE, CONSIDER THIS ADVICE THAT I'M EXPRESS-ING TO YOU...

WAS-HIZU-SAMA!

AND RUN AWAY WITH IT!

ACCEPT THIS DEALER DOUBLE YAKUMAN!!

HERE AND NOW...

ALSO MEANS THAT WE ARE RUINED!

YOUR RUIN, WASHIZU-SAMA...

PLEASE, UNDER-STAND!

HUH ...?

FOR JUST THIS ONE HAND...

SO PLE-ASE!

HAVE SUZUKI DEAL INTO YOUR PE! WAIT!!

HAVE IT DEALT INTO!

Suzuki's Hand

IN OTHER WORDS ...

PLEASE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE MEAN, JUST THIS ONE TIME!

PLEASE, JUST LEAVE IT AT THIS!!

WE BEG OF YOU!!

GGH ...!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

WE BEG OF YOU!!

YOU "BEG" OF ME...?

KNOW YOUR PLACE !!
DO ANY OF YOU EVER CHANGE ?!
THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

YOU WORK FOR ME!! I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU!!

WHY SHOULD I DO WHAT YOU SAY ?!

HERE AND NOW...

WASHIZU-SAMA, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUALMS IF...

HOW ABOUT THIS.

... THEN ...

HMM ...?

WE PLAY THE PEI...?

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YOU DON'T MIND, DO YOU?

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HUH ...?

ごわ・・・

THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT...?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRAW THE PEI AFTER THIS...

I SEE... YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY RIGHT!

K-KEH HEH HEH ...

AM I WR-ONG ...?

IT SHOULDN'T BOTHER YOU IF SUZUKI JUST GIVES YOU THE CHANCE TO DEAL IN!

I WON'T TAKE IT!

BUT EVEN IF YOU DEAL IT, I WON'T WIN!

NO ...!

YOU CAN DO AS YOU LIKE!

WASHIZU-SAMA, YOU HAVE BOTH IMPORTANT QUALITIES!

SO I BELIEVE!

IF IT IS DEALT...

BOTH FIRE AND WATER!

YOU HAVE COURAGE AND WISDOM...

THEN YOU WILL ACCEPT IT! I BELIEVE IN THAT!

IF YOU SEE THE WIN IN FRONT OF YOU...

I'M NOT THAT EASY TO CON-TROL...!

.....

K-HEH HEH HEH...

NO, SIR ...!

BUT I WON'T TAKE IT!

DO WHAT YOU LIKE...

HUH ...?

SO SUZUKI, BELIEVE IN WASHIZU-SAMA AND DEAL THE PEI!!

YOU WILL DECIDE THAT IT IS BEST!

YOU WILL WIN!

THAT IS NOT TRUE!

SU-ZUKI !!

GGH ...!

DON'T BE AFR-AID!!

CHAPTER 160

第160話 選択

DECISION

LET IT GO!!

OF PLAYING THE PEI, HERE!

DON'T BE AFR-AID...

GG GG HH HH ...!

LET THE PEI GO, SU-ZUKI!!

NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS TO THE CON-TRARY...

WAS-HIZU-SAMA WILL WIN OFF IT!

IT'S OKAY!

BUT...

HUH ...?

THE ONE TO BE AFRAID OF RIGHT NOW IS AKAGI!!

SO MORE THAN THAT ...

IN THE END, HE WILL ACCEPT THE WIN WHEN IT'S RIGHT BEFORE HIM!

GGH ...!

THAT MAN!!

THAT'S RIGHT ...!

HAHH ...!

DON'T GIVE HIM EVEN ONE MORE CHANCE TO DRAW!!

THAT MAN IS WHO WE SHOULD BE AFRAID OF!!

BE-CAUSE THAT MAN...

CAN TAKE A 1-IN-1000 ...

...OR 1-IN-10,000 CHANCE ...

AND MAKE IT HAP-PEN!!

SO THAT'S WHY...

AHH ...!

SO THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO DECIDE IT NOW!!

PUT THIS HAND IN THE BANK!!

COME ON!!

GGH ...!

DON'T GIVE AKAGI A CHA-NCE!!

DON'T LET HIM MOVE!

SU-ZU-KI!!

.....

GR RR GH HH HH ...!

SU-ZUKI ...!!

.....

ざわ..

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA ...!

WHOA ...!

ざわ..

ざわ..

TO SOME-THING THAT COULD BE THE BEST FOR US...!

IF EVERY-THING WORKS OUT IN JUST THE RIGHT WAY...

SOMEHOW, THIS HAS WORKED AROUND...

WHAT'S GOING ON, HERE ...?

THIS...

THIS PINCH WE'RE IN!

WE MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT...!

THIS DANGEROUS PLACE WE'VE WANDERED INTO...!

THIS UNBELI-EVABLE CIRCUM-STANCE!!

VERGE OF DEATH!

I MEAN, THINK ABOUT IT!

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IT'S A HUGE, MONSTER HAND...

THAT HAND ALONE IS CERTAINLY NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT...

SO IF HE DOESN'T HAVE IT DEALT INTO NOW...

...IS THAT IT CAN ONLY WIN THROUGH PE!!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING...

BUT IN THE END, IT ONLY HAS A SINGLE WAIT!

PLAIN AND SIMPLE!

...IT PROBABLY WON'T BE COMP-LETED!

BUT IF HE OVERLOOKS SUZUKI'S PEI NOW...

Suzuki's Hand

HAS BEEN TALKING HIS HAND UP TO BE DANGER-OUS...

WAS-HIZU...

ONLY TWO !!

WOULD BE 2 MORE OUTS!

ALL THAT'S LEFT...

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!
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HE CAN'T!
AS IF HE'D BE ABLE TO DRAW IT!
HE CAN'T DRAW IT!!
SO BRING IT!
BRING IT ON!!

IF SUZUKI PLAYS HIS PEI NOW...

AND WASHIZU KEEPS HIS WORD...

AND DOESN'T WIN OFF IT...

BUT IT SOUNDS INTER-ESTING!!

THIS IS SOME-THING I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT OF...

WE CAN ENDURE!!

WE CAN KILL IT!!

WE CAN SMASH IT!

BURY IT ALIVE!!!

THAT DOUBLE YAKU-MAN!!

Takes a lengthy time to think!

Sur-zuki...

GGGHHH...!!

He fin-ally...

And at the end of it all...

His hand moves bit by hesi-tant bit...

Makes his deci-sion!!

He deals Pei!
He dec-ided to deal his Pei!
He deals in!!

He deals in to Was-hizu!!
OH-HOOOOH HHHH!!
IT CAME OUT....!!
THERE IT IS!!
THE PEI....!!

SO NOW ...

THE PEI....!!

THE PEI....!!!

THE PEI...!

ALL THAT'S LEFT...

ALL THAT'S LEFT ....!!

WAS-HIZU IWAO ...!!

IS HIM!!

ざわ...

WHICH IS IT ...?

WHICH ...?

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HIZU-
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WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

ごわ…

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

ごわ…

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!

KHEH ...

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!!

KHAH HAH HAH ...!

HEH...

EH HEH HEH ...!

KHOH HOH HOH ...!

HUHHHH ...?

I. WILL. DRAW. THIS. PE!!!

DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT MYSELF ...!

WAS-
HIZU-
SAMA
!!!

WHOA
...!!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA ...!!

AHH ...!

WHOA-HOHH HHHH HHHH !!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA !!

WAS-HIZU-SAMA !!

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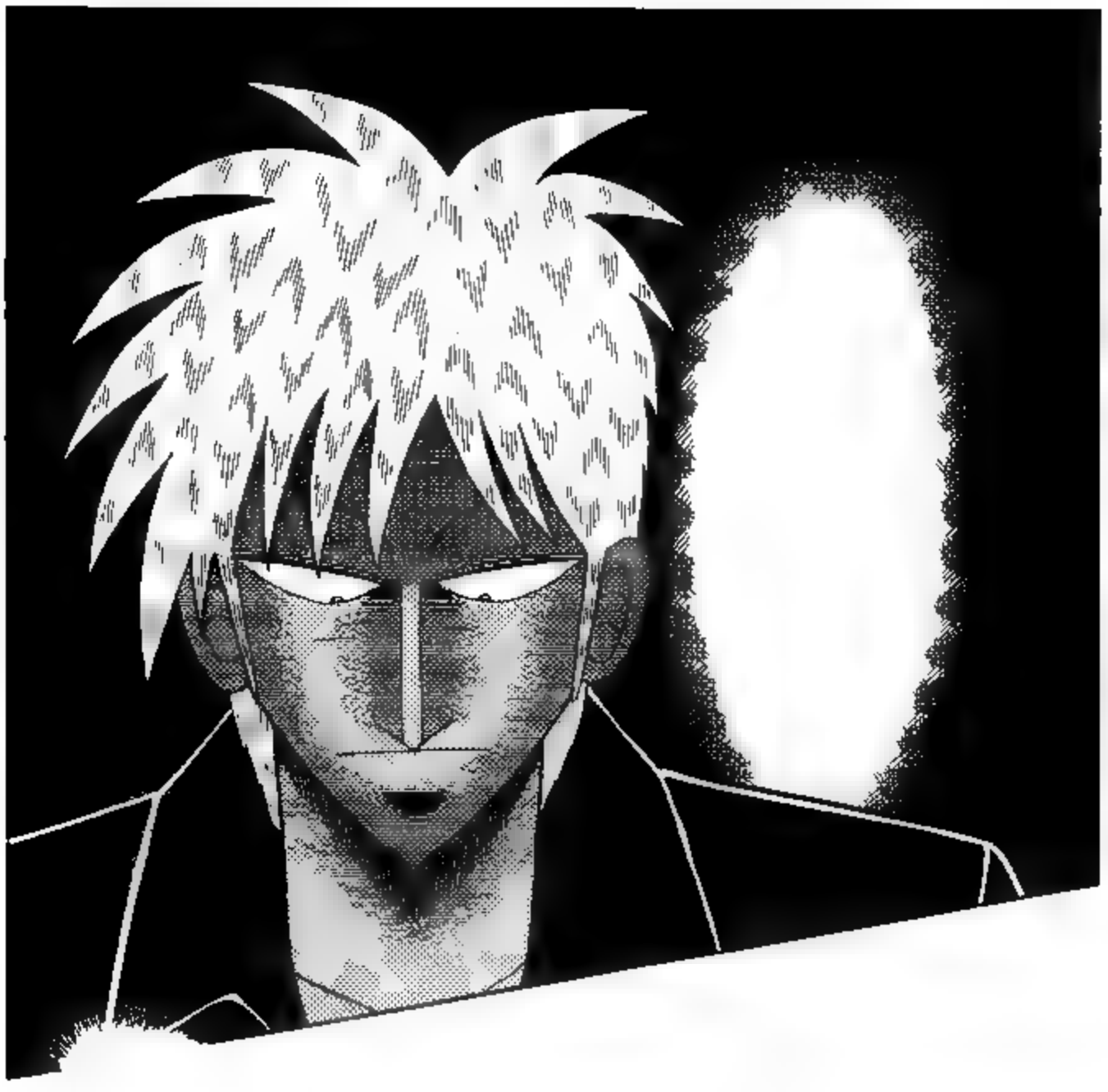

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